

Episode 73: The Town Where Everything Began

WHEN THE
TERRITORY
WAS LOST
FIVE YEARS
AGO, THE
LOSS OF
HUMAN LIFE
AND
PROPERTY
WAS
MASSIVE.

THE AREA
WITHIN WALL
MARIA
REPRESENTED
ONE THIRD OF
THE LAND
HUMANITY
HAD LEFT.

IT
SEEMED
WRONG
FOR US TO
CONTINUE
LIVING.

...THOSE
LOSSES
WERE ONLY
THE
BEGINNING.

AND, AS
THOSE
WHO
REMAINED
INSIDE
THE TWO
WALLS
QUICKLY
REAL-
IZED...

...WAS
OUT OF
HUMAN
HANDS.



WHETHER
HUMANITY
COULD
SURVIVE
ANOTHER
DAY...

EVERY-
THING
WAS NOW
UP TO THE
TITANS.



...HAD NO
WAY OF
DEFEATING
THEM.


BE-
CAUSE
HUMANI-
TY...





...
DESTROY
THEM!!

I'M
GONNA
...



...OF
THOSE
ANI-
MALS
...

EVERY
LAST
ONE...

...THAT'S
ON THIS
EARTH!!



...GRIPPED
THE
DAGGER IN
HIS HEART...

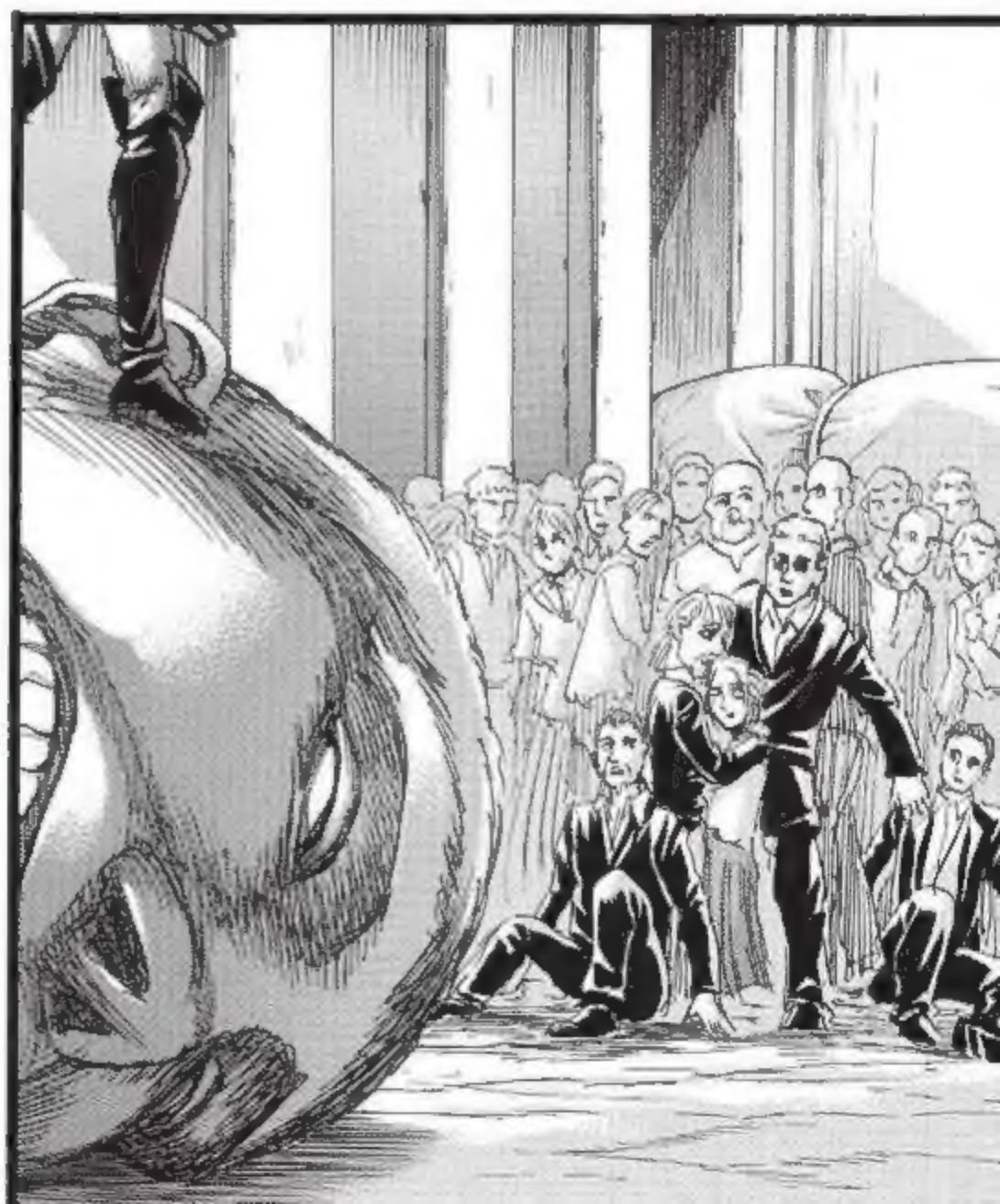
BUT,
THAT
DAY,
ONE
BOY...

...STOMPING
ITS MASSIVE
HEAD INTO
THE GROUND.

...AND
USED
IT TO
KILL A
TITAN...



HOW DID
THE HUMANS
WHO SAW
THAT SIGHT
FEEL?





SOME
WERE
FILLED
WITH
PRIDE.

SOME
WERE
FILLED
WITH
HOPE.



SOME
WERE
FILLED
WITH
RAGE.

BUT
ALL OF
THEM
SCREAMED.



...WHAT
SCREAM
WILL FILL
HUMANITY'S
HEARTS?

NOW, IF
WALL
MARIA IS
TAKEN
BACK...

...THAT
THERE IS
A PLACE
FOR THEM
IN THIS
WORLD?

CAN
THEY
EVER
BELIEVE
AGAIN...

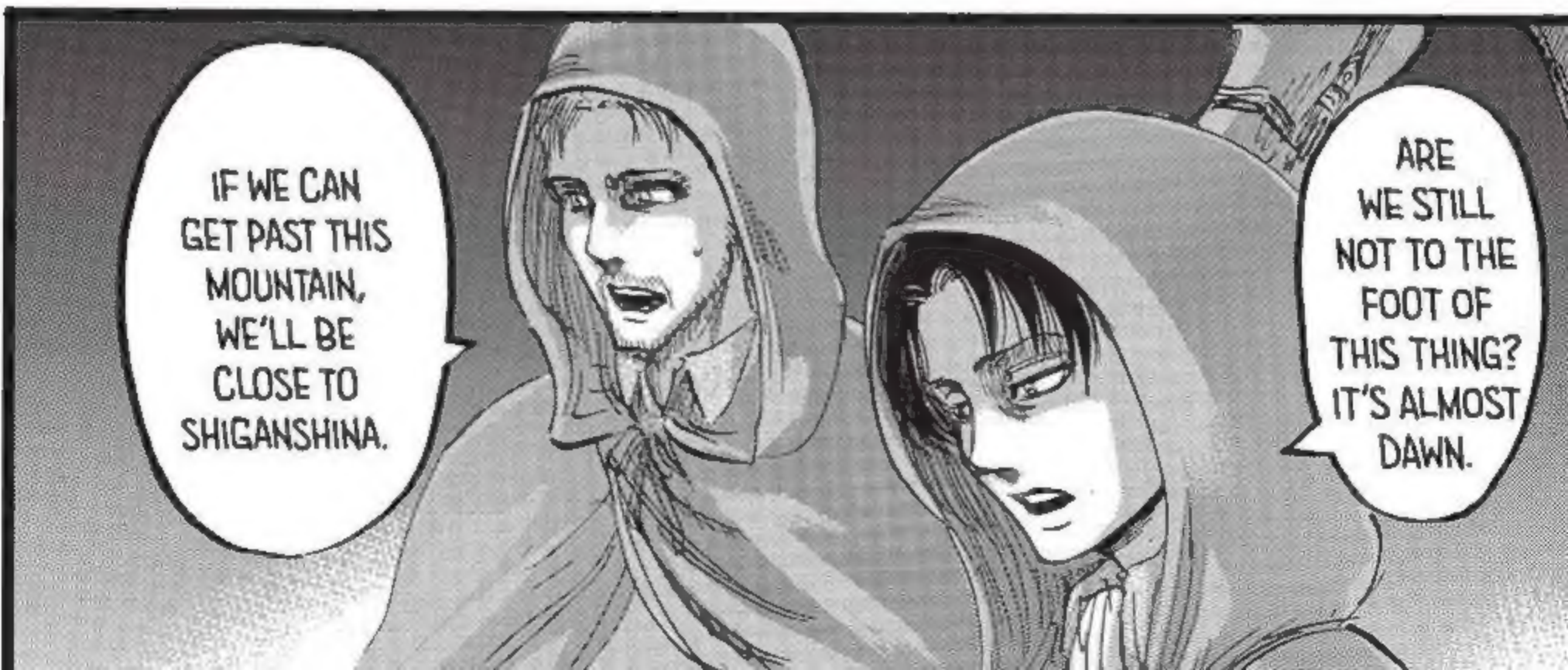
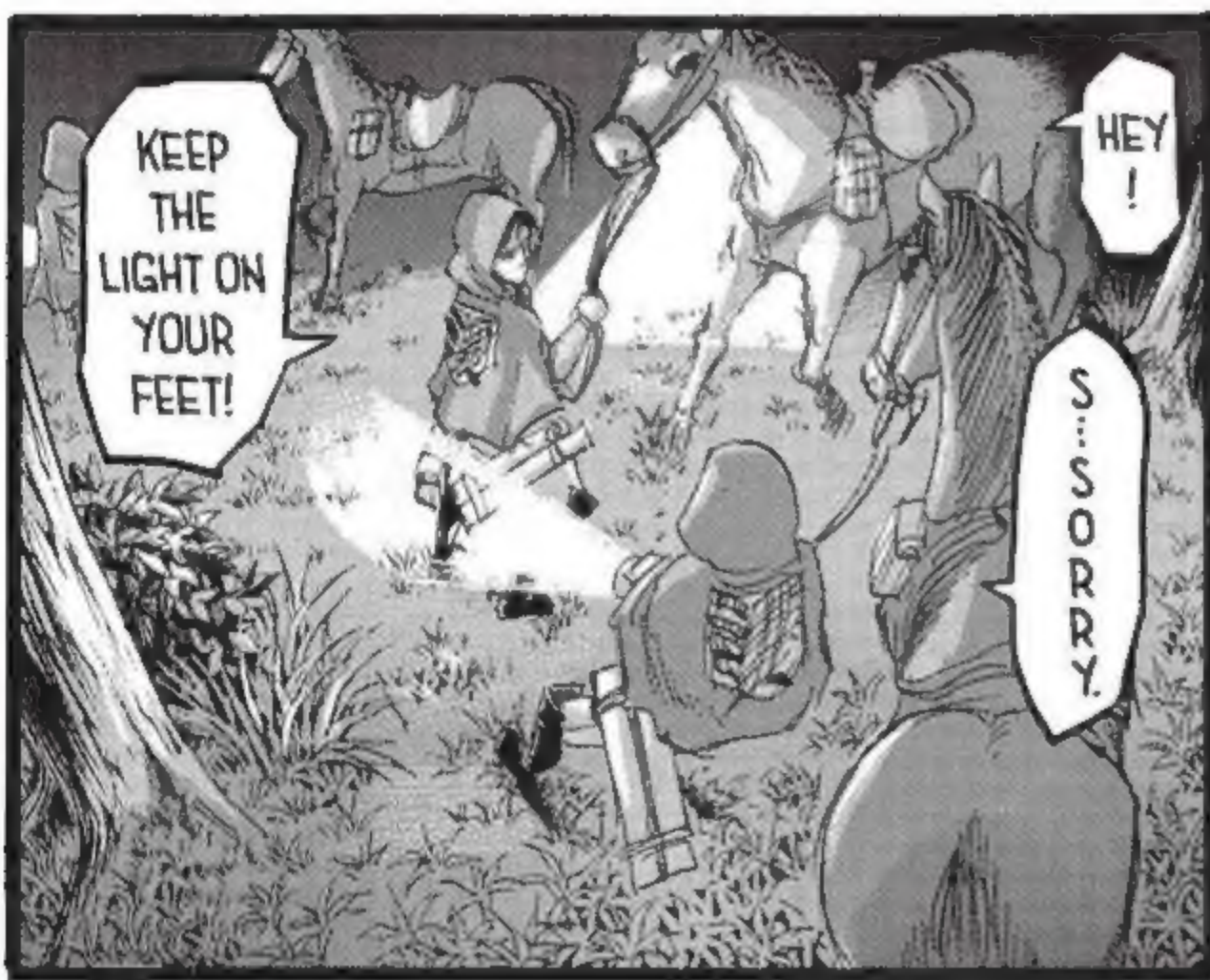
...THAT
THEY
CONTROL
THEIR OWN
DESTINIES?

CAN
THEY EVER
BE MADE
TO
BELIEVE...

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IF
THESE
SOL-
DIERS...

...CAN
RETAKE
WALL
MARIA...



IF WE CAN
GET PAST THIS
MOUNTAIN,
WE'LL BE
CLOSE TO
SHIGANSHINA.

ARE
WE STILL
NOT TO THE
FOOT OF
THIS THING?
IT'S ALMOST
DAWN.



YEAH,
I
KNOW.

YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE USING
YOUR
ENERGY
HERE.



SORRY
YOU'VE
GOT TO
HANDLE MY
HORSE...



GSST HAT

YOU HAVE
TO ASSUME
THAT THERE'S
AN ENEMY
RIGHT AROUND
EVERY
CORNER—

OH
YEAH!
...SORRY.

DON'T
USE HIS
NAME,
STUPID.

SHE'S
RIGHT,
EREN. YOU
SHOULD
REST.

HAT GSST



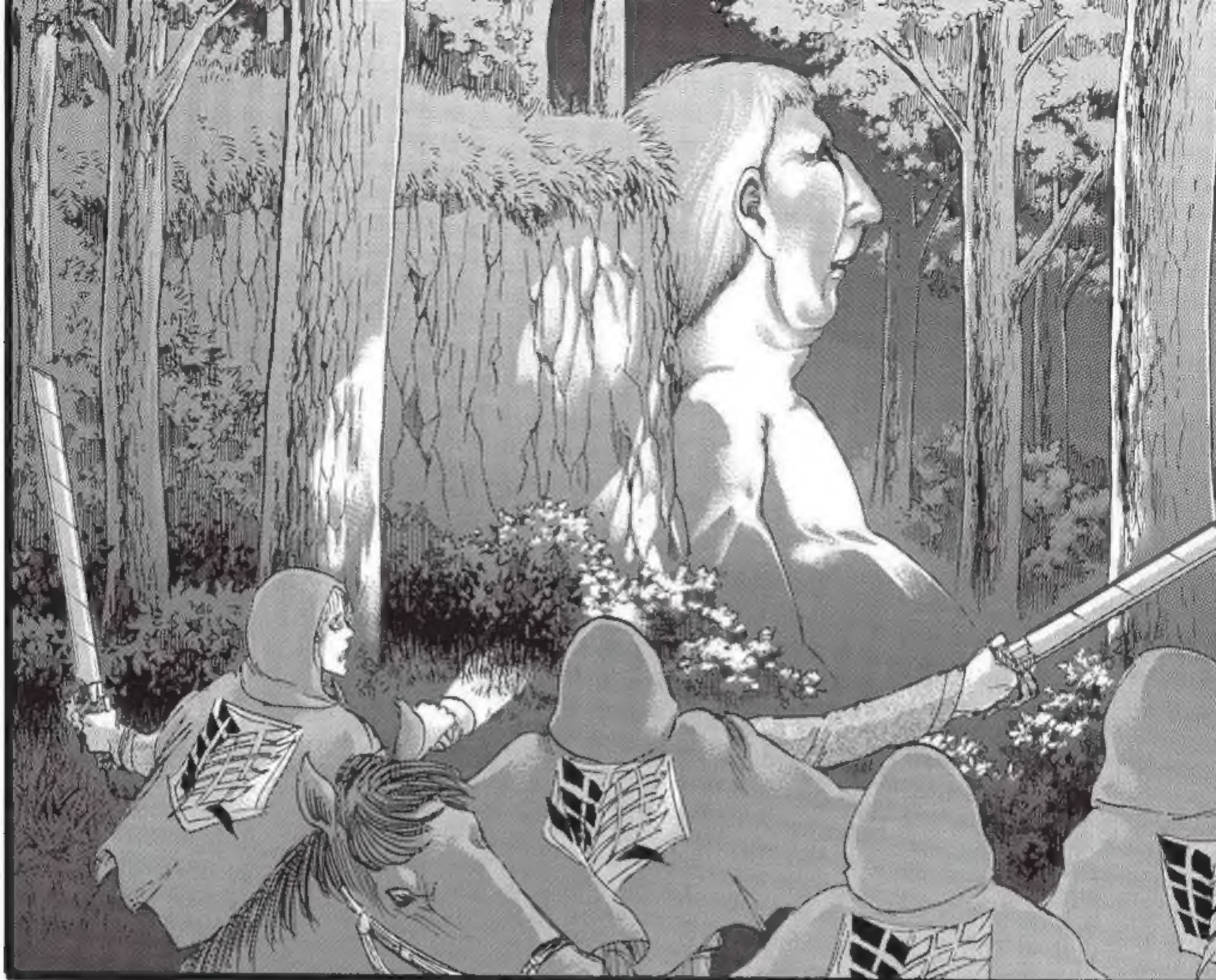
EVERY-
ONE
HALT
!!

BA-BAM

ILL-
UMI-
NATE
THE
AREA!

TITAN
TO
THE
LEFT
!!

!!

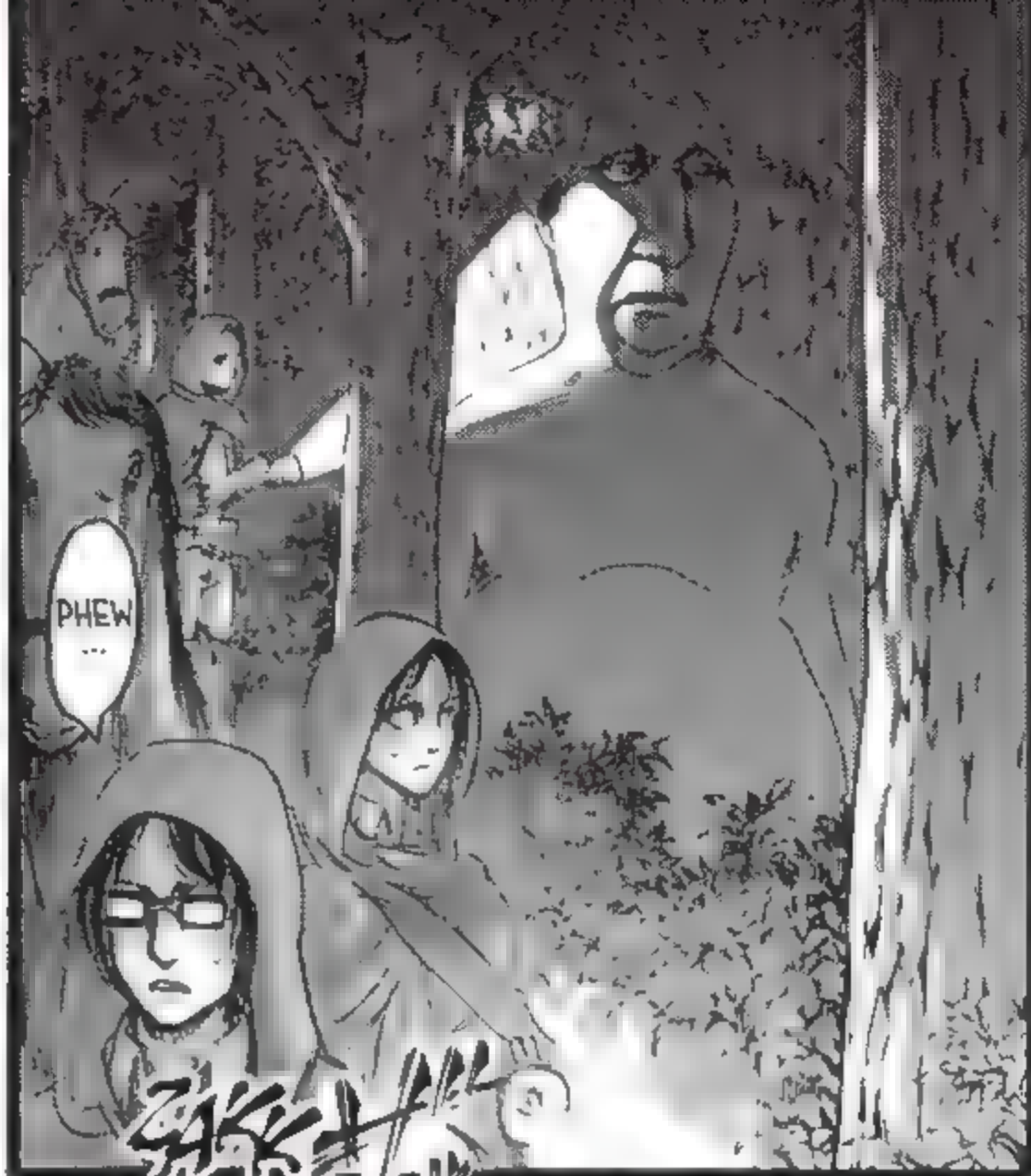
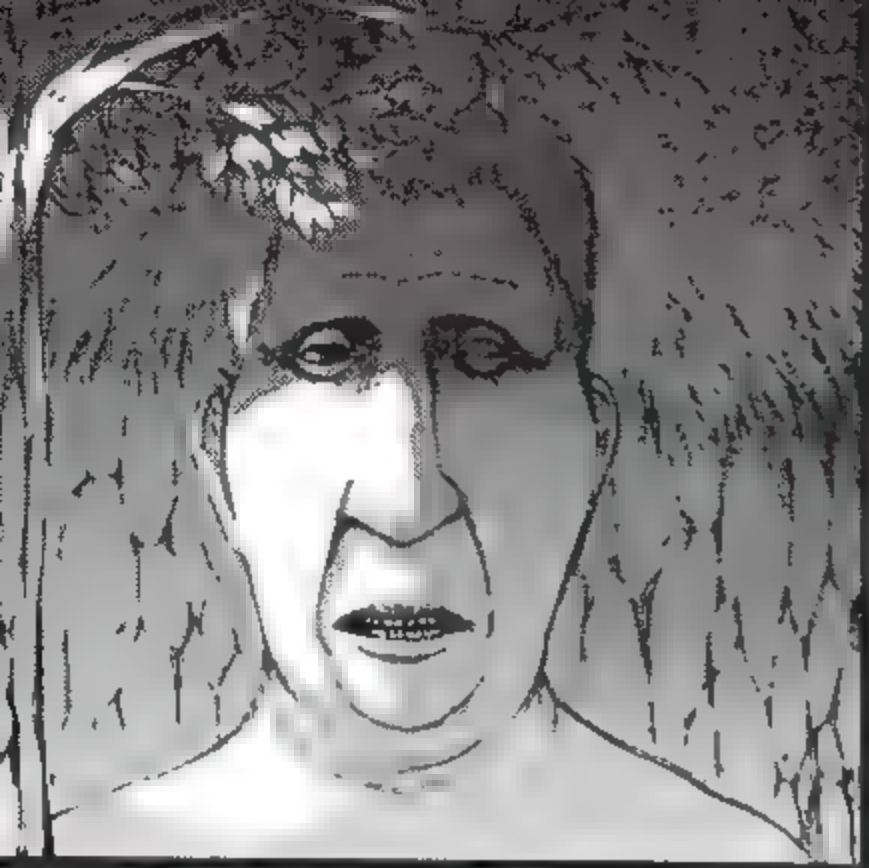


HEH HEH...
TOO BAD.
WE'LL
LEAVE HIM
BE.

THIS
LITTLE ONE
DOESN'T SEEM
TO BE ONE OF
THE NEWER
TYPES THAT
CAN MOVE
AROUND AT
NIGHT...

HE'S
DOZING
AWAY.

...IT'S
OKAY.

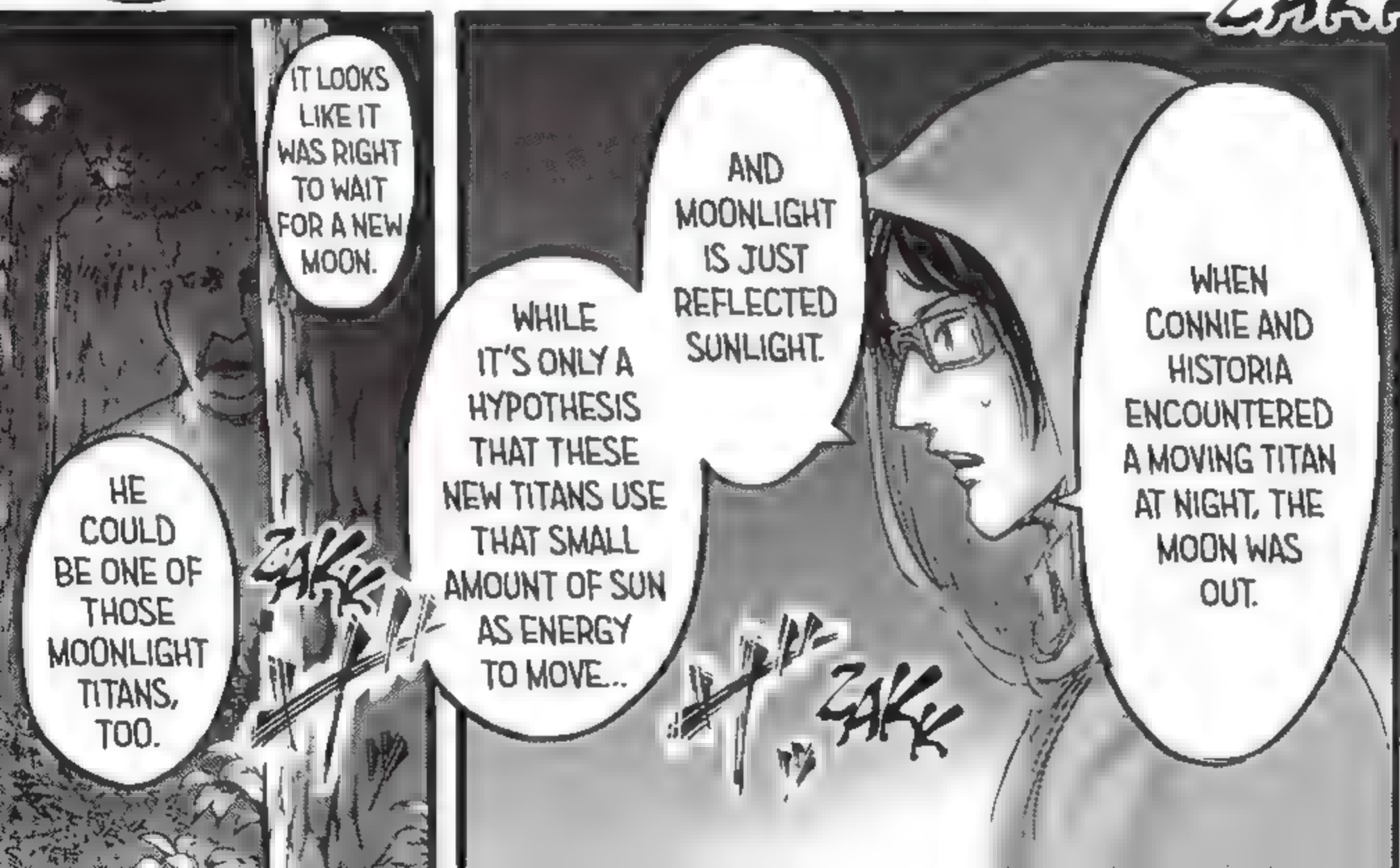


...BUT THIS DARKNESS IS PROBABLY WHAT'S PROTECTING US.

EXACTLY. NORMALLY, I WOULD ADVISE AGAINST MIDNIGHT STROLLS THROUGH THE FOREST...

WE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE IT UNTIL WE WERE SO CLOSE...

ZAKK



IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS RIGHT TO WAIT FOR A NEW MOON.

WHILE IT'S ONLY A HYPOTHESIS THAT THESE NEW TITANS USE THAT SMALL AMOUNT OF SUN AS ENERGY TO MOVE...

AND MOONLIGHT IS JUST REFLECTED SUNLIGHT.

WHEN CONNIE AND HISTORIA ENCOUNTERED A MOVING TITAN AT NIGHT, THE MOON WAS OUT.

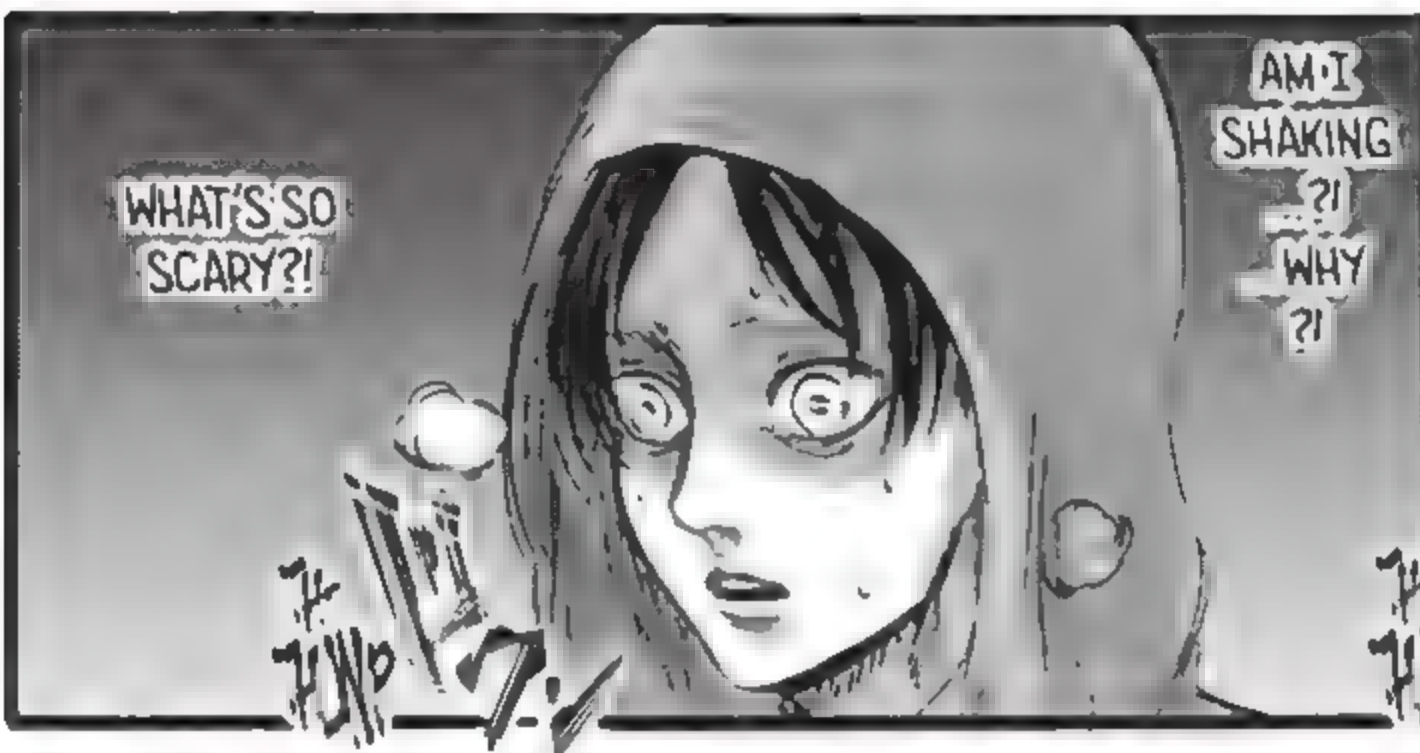
HE COULD BE ONE OF THOSE MOONLIGHT TITANS, TOO.

ZAKK

ZAKK



I HOPE
WE CAN
CAPTURE
ONE
SOME-
DAY...



WHAT'S SO
SCARY?!

AM I
SHAKING
...?!
WHY
?!



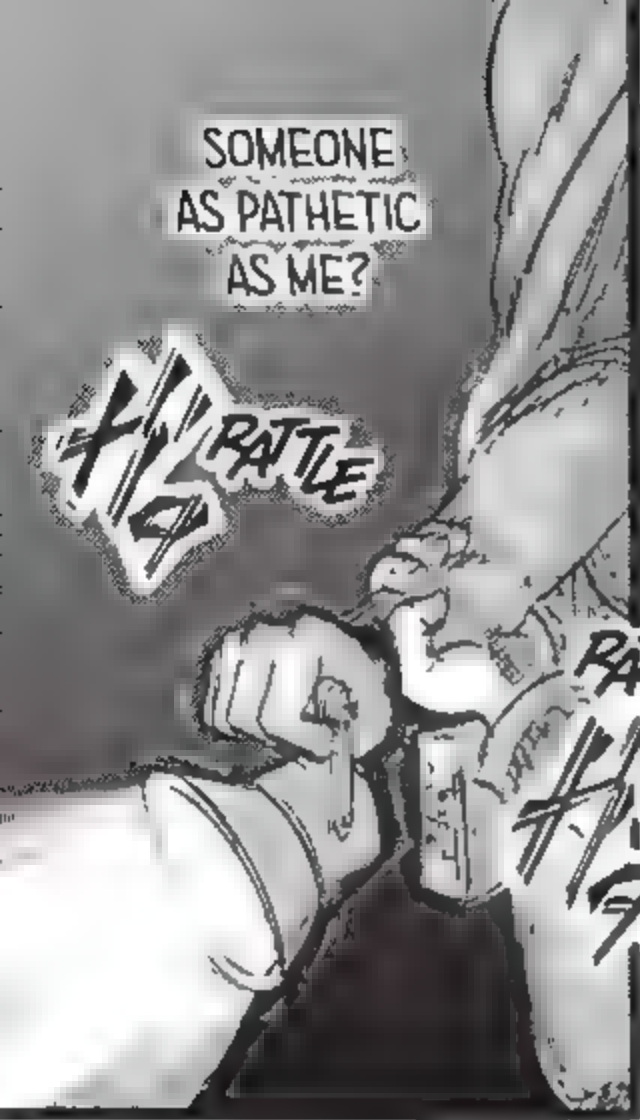
IF WE FAIL
TO RETAKE
WALL
MARIA

DAMMIT. WHAT'S
WRONG WITH ME
ALL OF A
SUDDEN...?
DON'T I KNOW
WHAT'LL HAPPEN
IF WE MESS UP
HERE?!



DOES SOME PART OF
ME ACTUALLY THINK
THIS ISN'T OUR LAST
CHANCE?!

...DON'T I
KNOW HOW
MANY
PEOPLE ARE
GOING TO
LOSE
HOPE?!



SOMEONE
AS PATHETIC
AS ME?

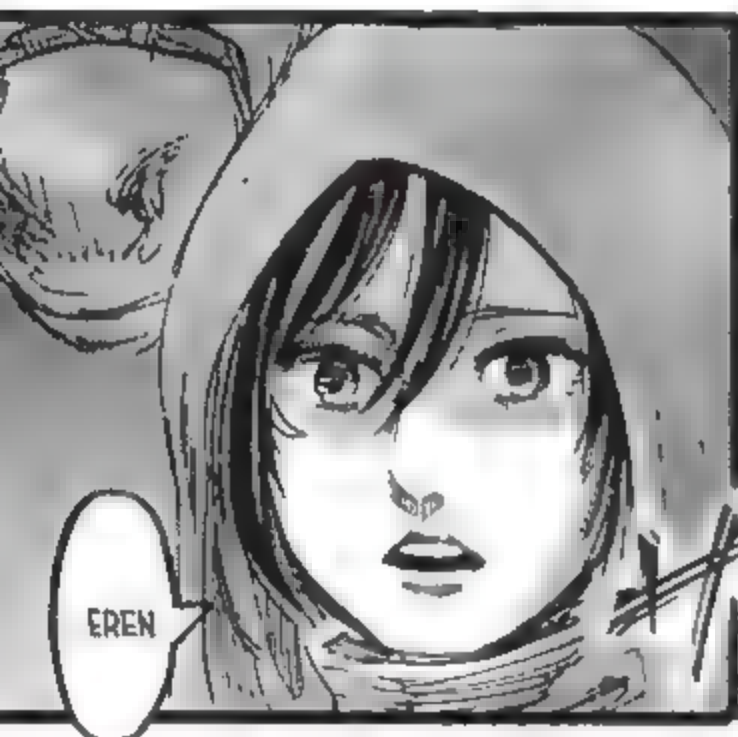
RATTLE

RATTLE



HOW'S SOMEONE
LIKE ME... SUPPOSED
TO SAVE ALL OF
HUMANITY?

MAYBE I'M
NOT CUT OUT
FOR THIS AFTER
ALL.

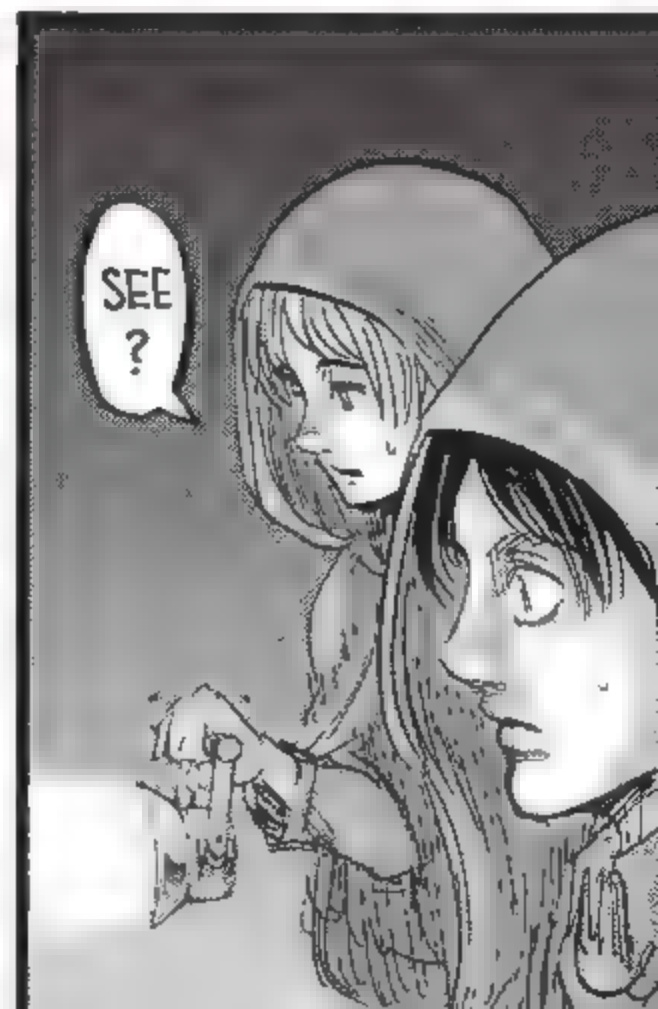
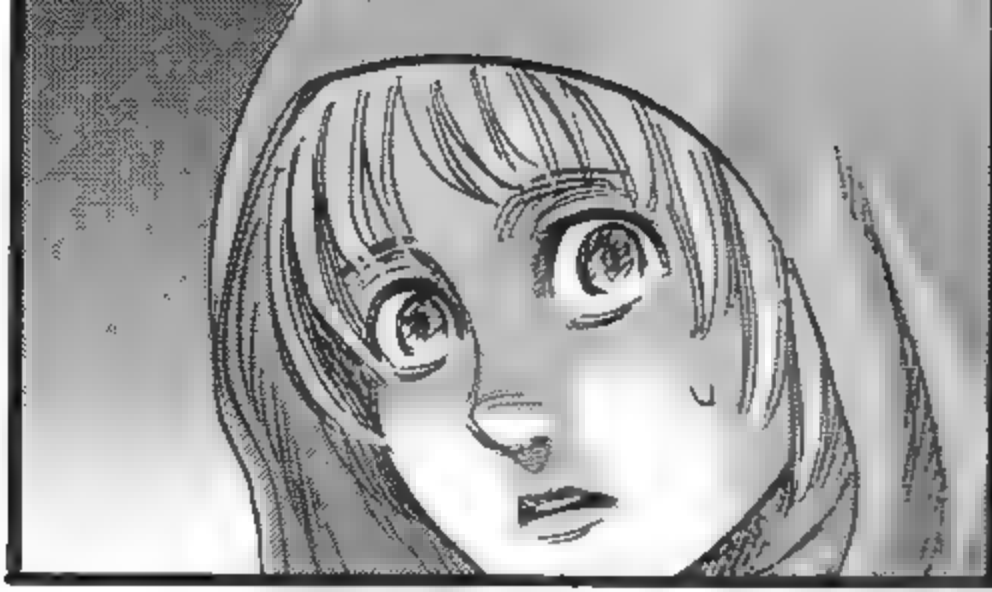


EREN



WHY
ARE YOU
SHAKING?

ARE
YOU
SCARED
?



...I WAS
FROZEN
IN
PLACE...

EVEN ME...
THE FIRST TIME
I FACED OFF
AGAINST A
TITAN...

PEOPLE
ARE USUALLY
TERRIFIED OF
THEM.

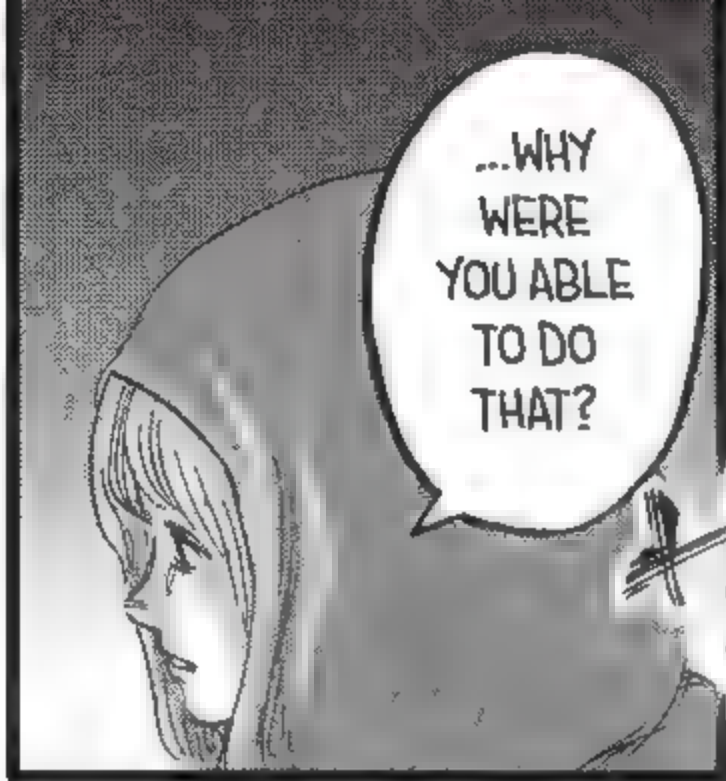
...AND THE
OTHERS WERE
BEING
EATEN...

...WHEN
YOU...

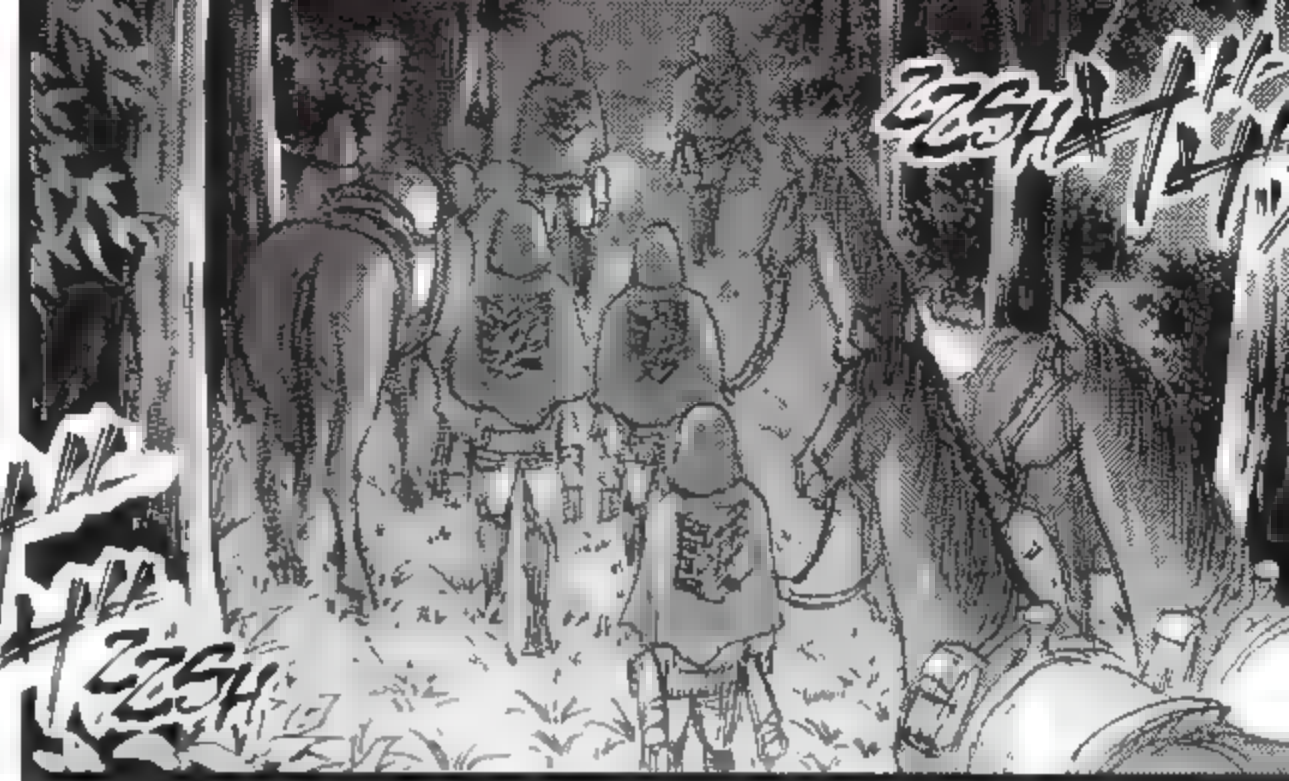
...AND
PULLED ME
OUT OF THAT
TITAN'S
MOUTH.

THEN
YOU
CAME...

BUT...



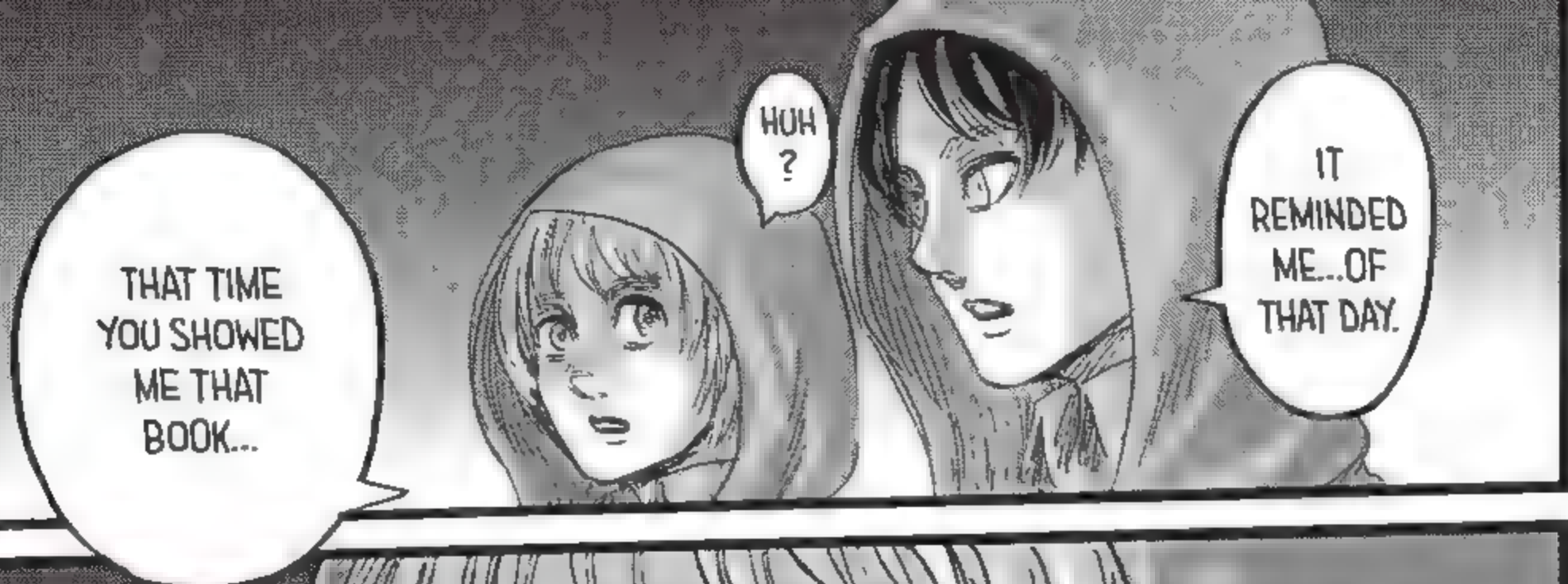
...WHY
WERE
YOU ABLE
TO DO
THAT?



...FOR
MY
SAKE.

YOU
WERE NEVER
SUPPOSED
TO SACRI-
FICE
YOURSELF
...

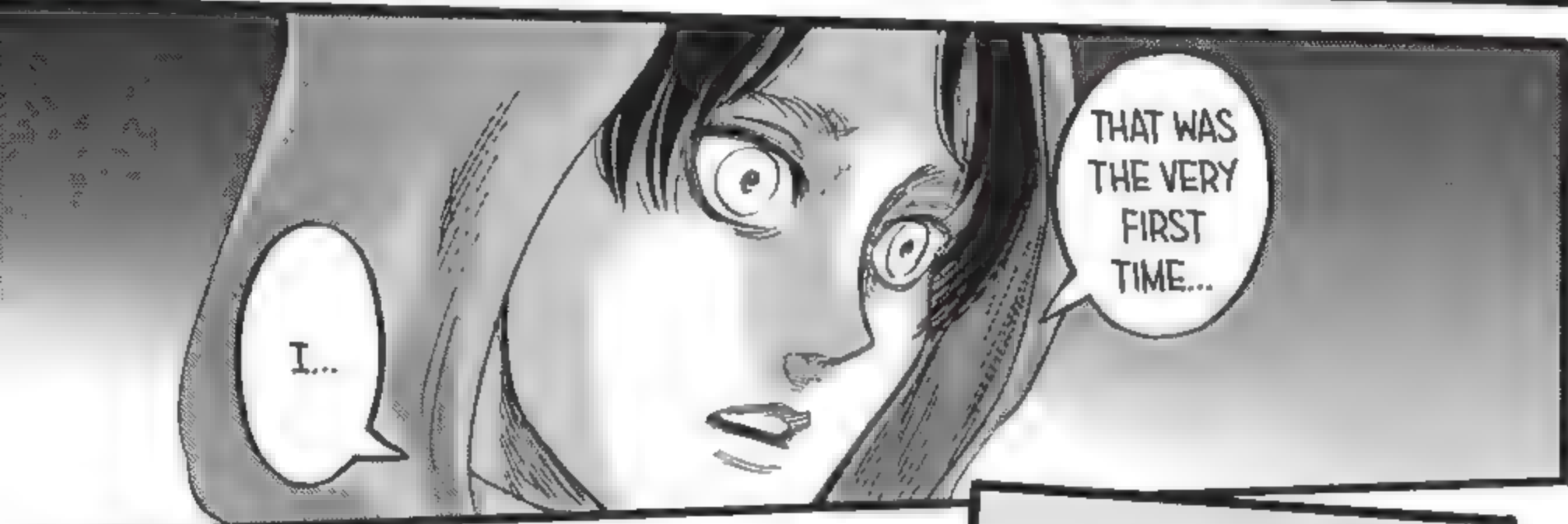




THAT TIME
YOU SHOWED
ME THAT
BOOK...

HUH
?

IT
REMINDED
ME...OF
THAT DAY.

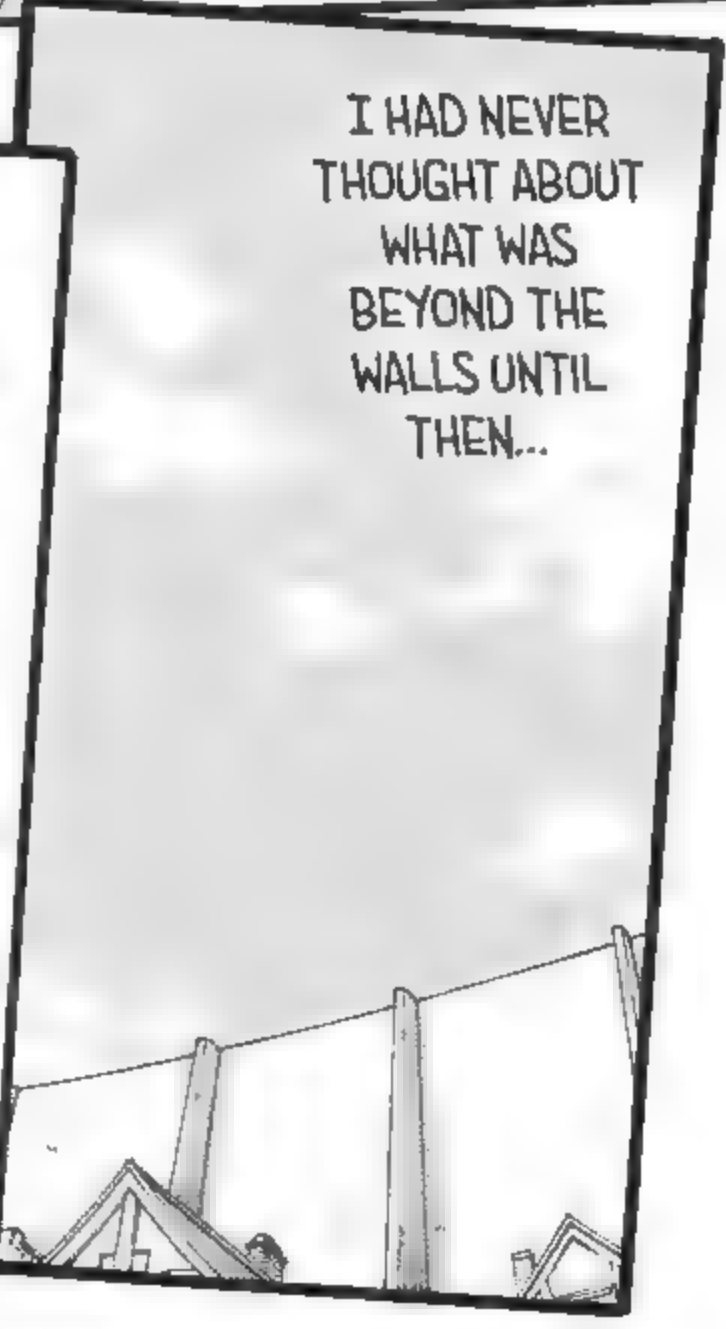


I...

THAT WAS
THE VERY
FIRST
TIME...



I'D ONLY
SPENT MY
DAYS LOOKING
AT THE
CLOUDS IN
THE SKY.



I HAD NEVER
THOUGHT ABOUT
WHAT WAS
BEYOND THE
WALLS UNTIL
THEN...

BUT THEN
YOU CAME
RUNNING TO
ME WITH A
BOOK.

NOT THAT IT'S
ANYTHING STRANGE
FOR A KID EIGHT OR
NINE YEARS OLD TO
NOT BE THINKING
ABOUT ANYTHING...

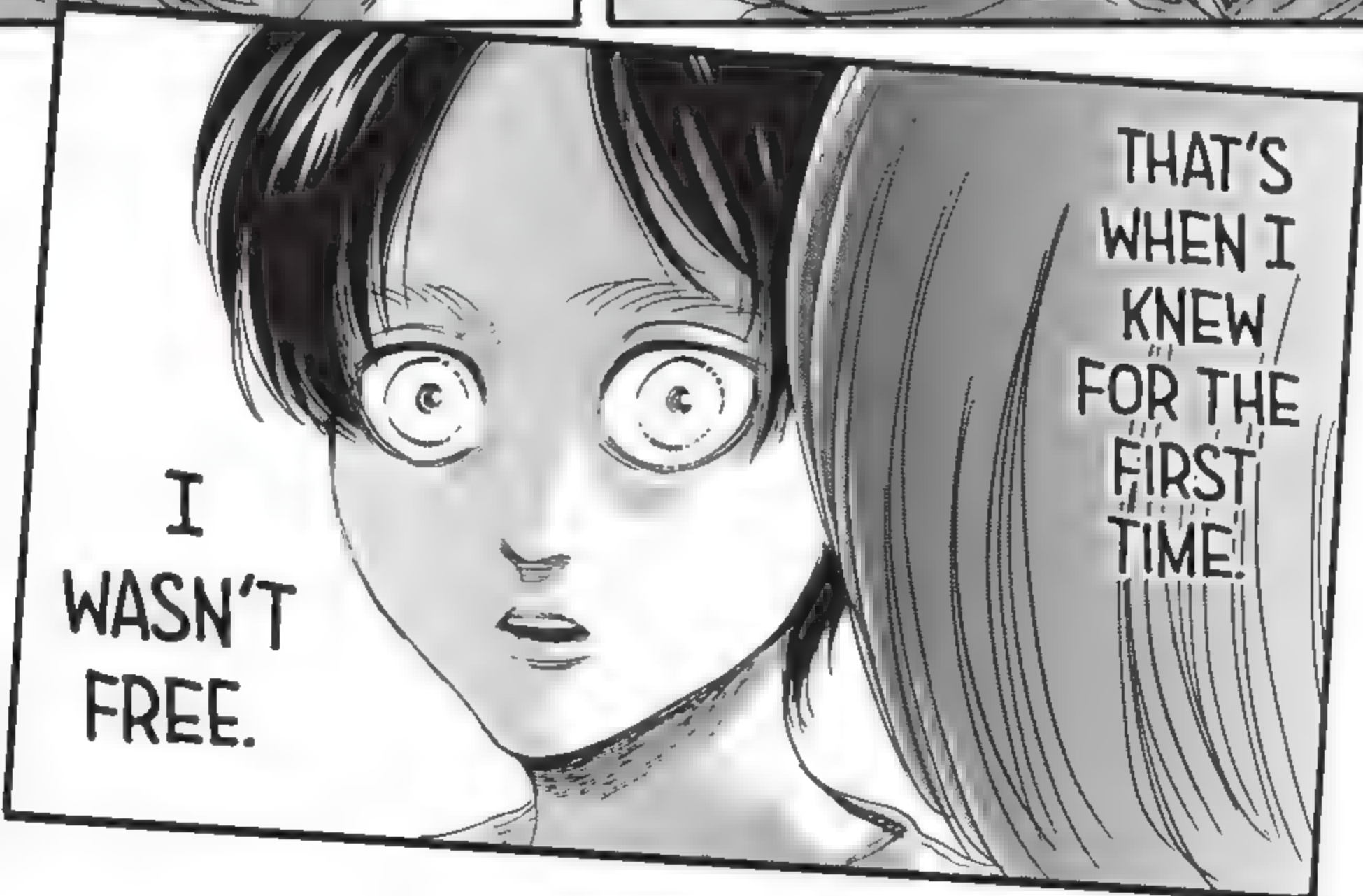
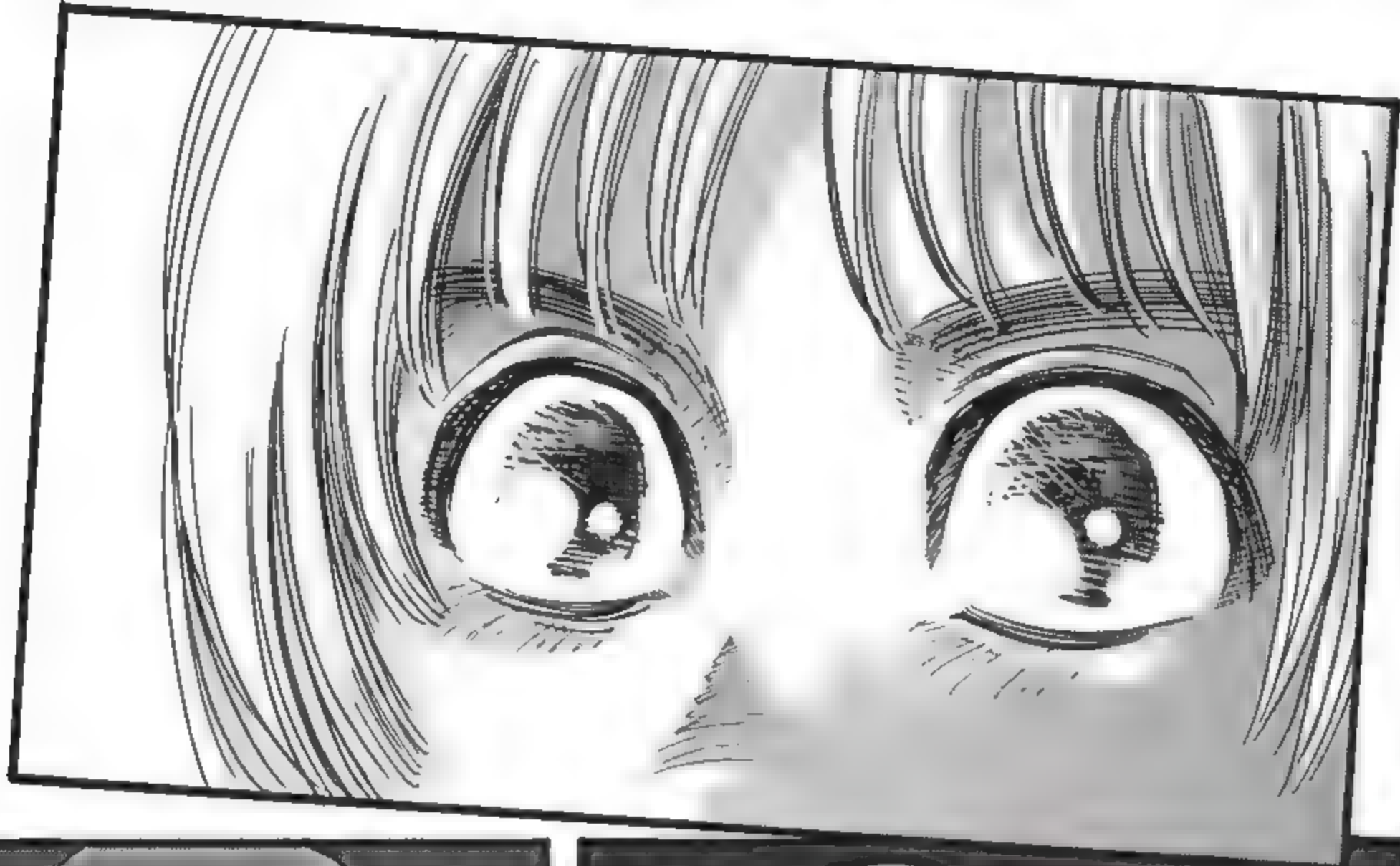
BUT IT ALL
CHANGED...

...WHEN I
HEARD
YOU
TELLING
ME
THOSE
THINGS...

THAT'S
ALL WE
WERE
BACK
THEN.

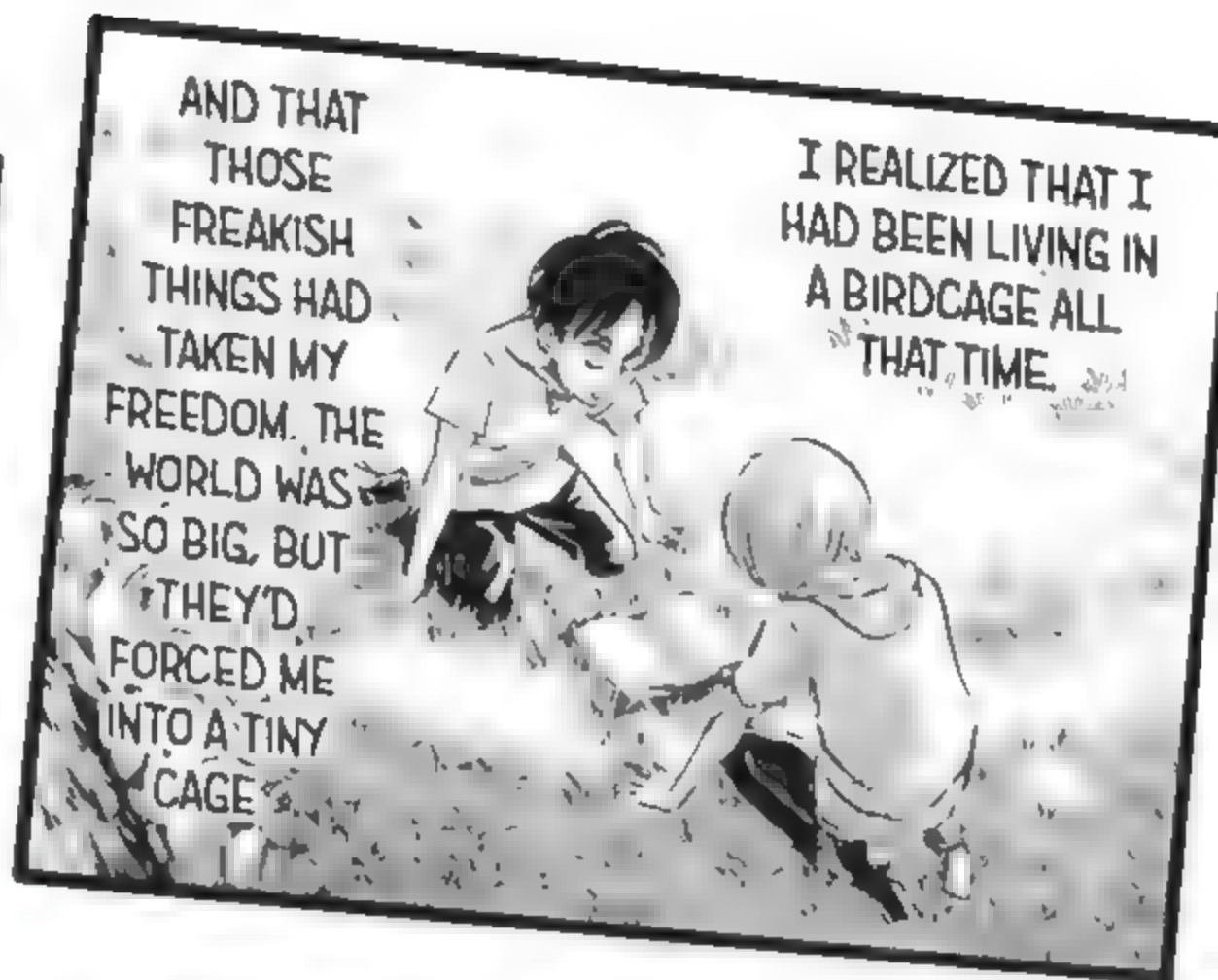
BOTH OF US
WERE
OUTCASTS.
WE NEVER
GOT ALONG
WITH THE
OTHER KIDS
IN TOWN.

...AND I
SAW THE
LOOK IN
YOUR
EYES...



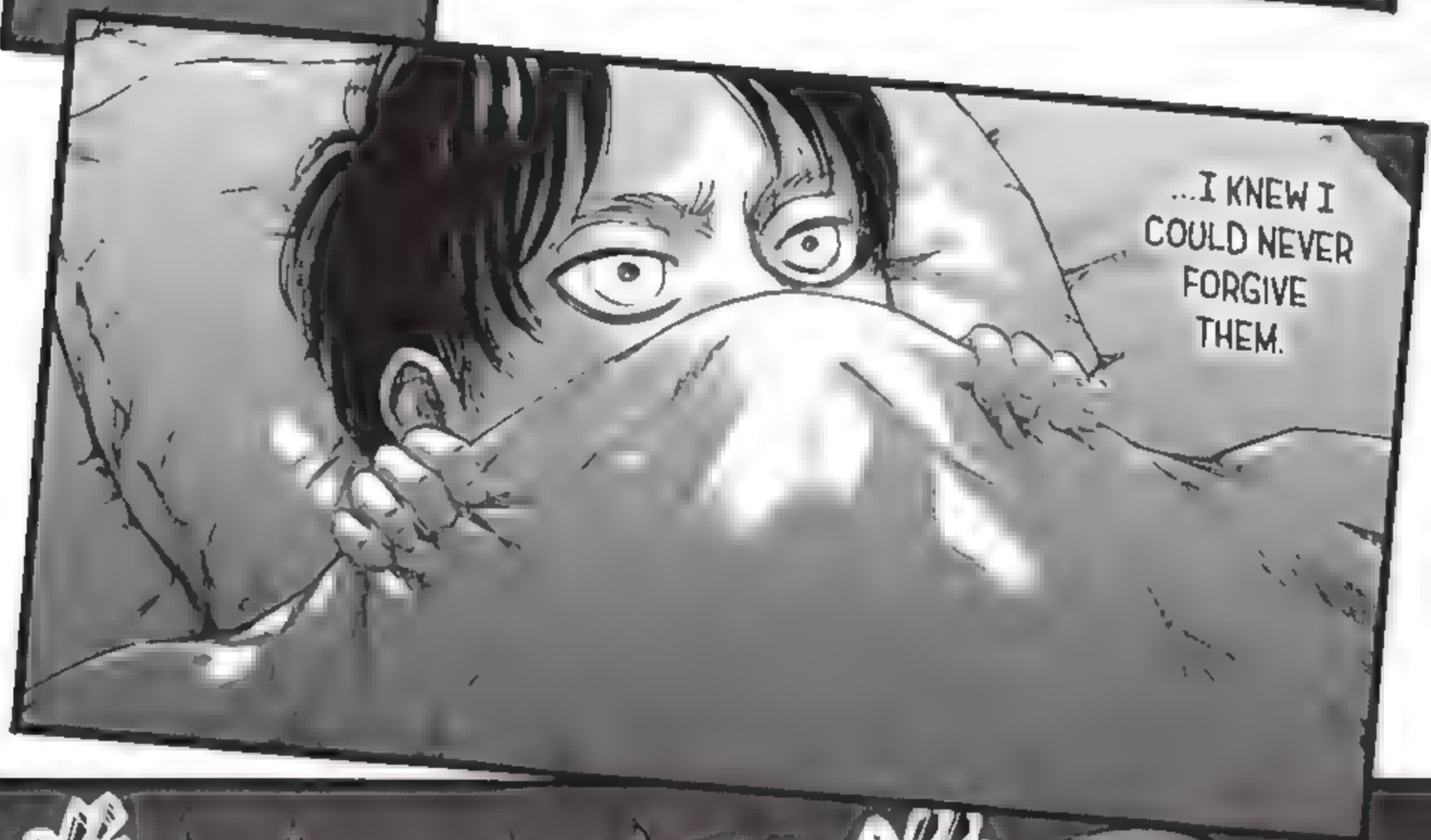


AND
WHEN I
REALIZED
THAT.

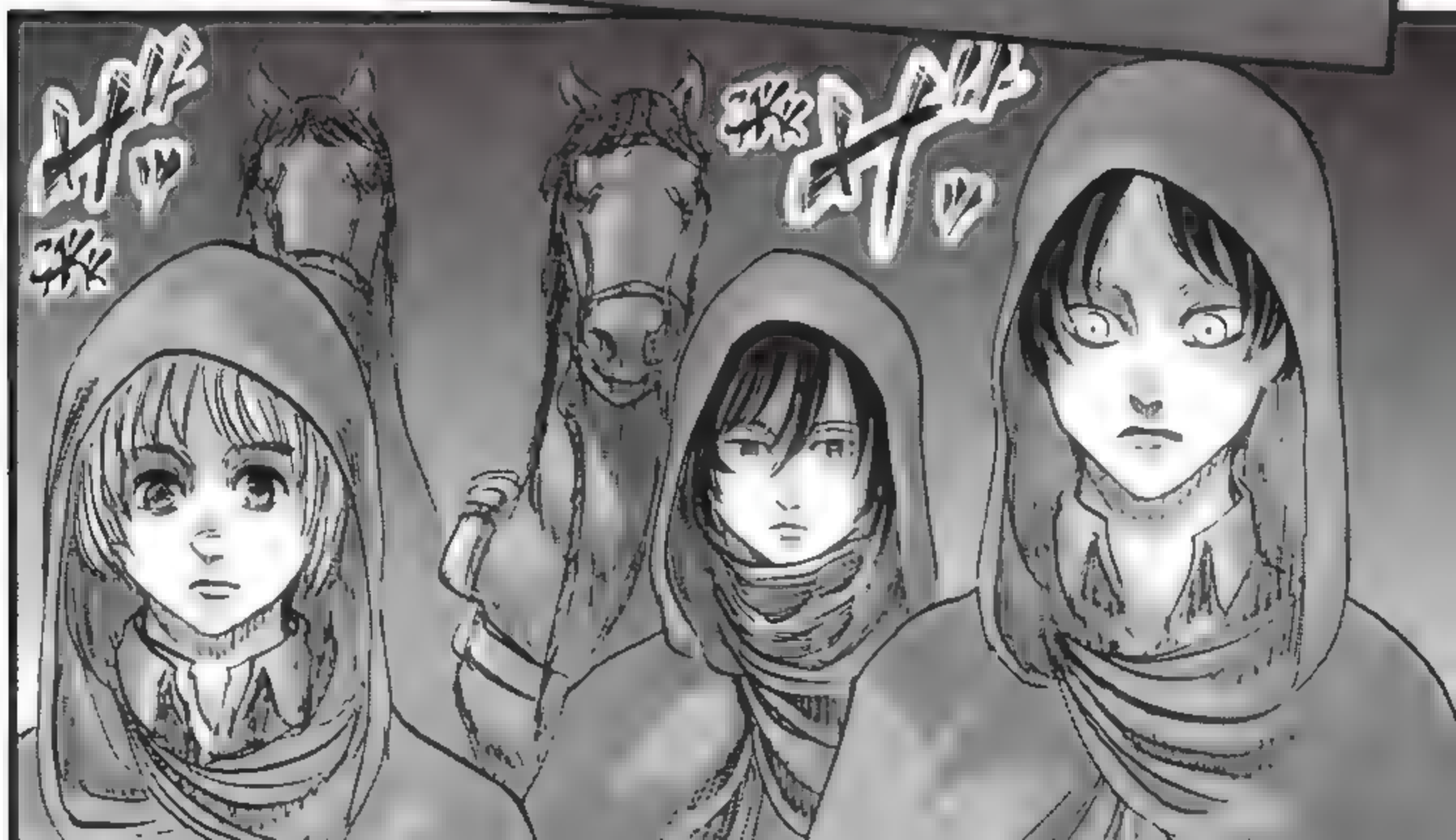


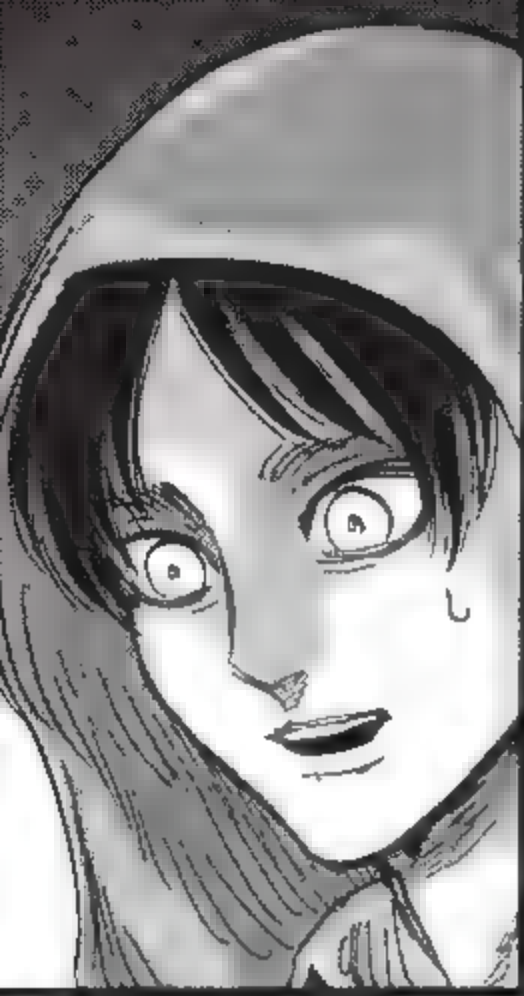
AND THAT
THOSE
FREAKISH
THINGS HAD
TAKEN MY
FREEDOM. THE
WORLD WAS
SO BIG, BUT
THEY'D
FORCED ME
INTO A TINY
CAGE.

I REALIZED THAT I
HAD BEEN LIVING IN
A BIRDCAGE ALL
THAT TIME.



...I KNEW I
COULD NEVER
FORGIVE
THEM.

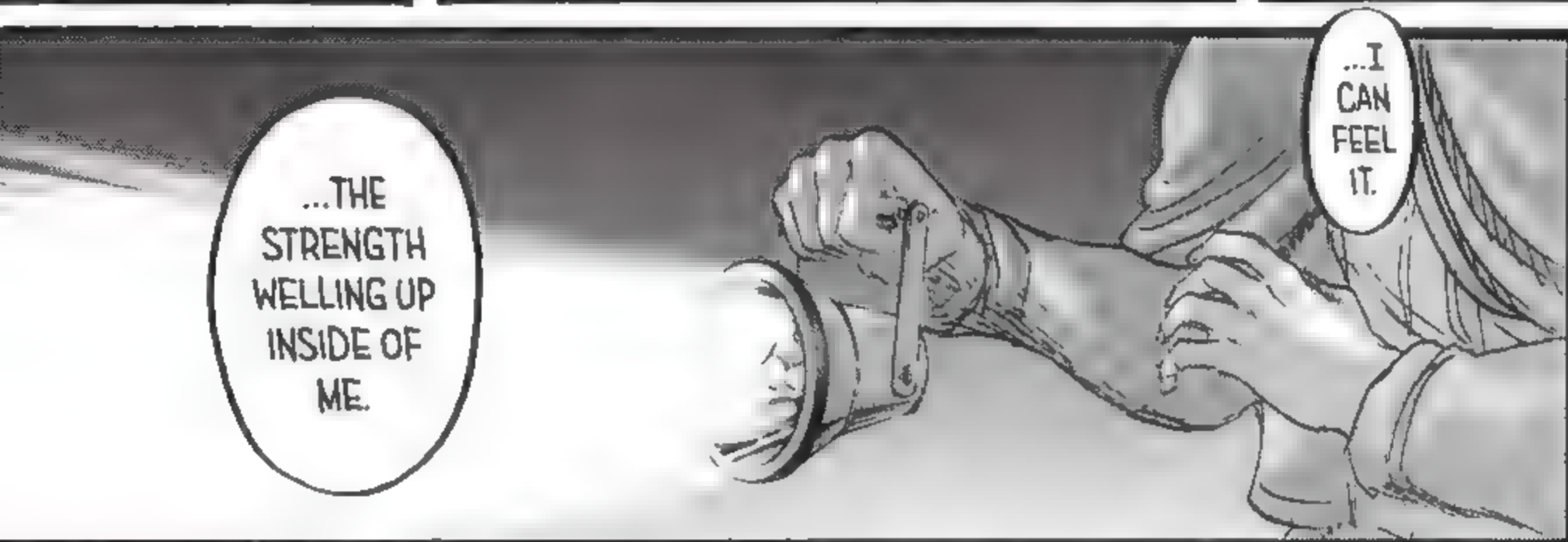




WHEN
I THINK
ABOUT
GETTING
THAT
FREEDOM
BACK...

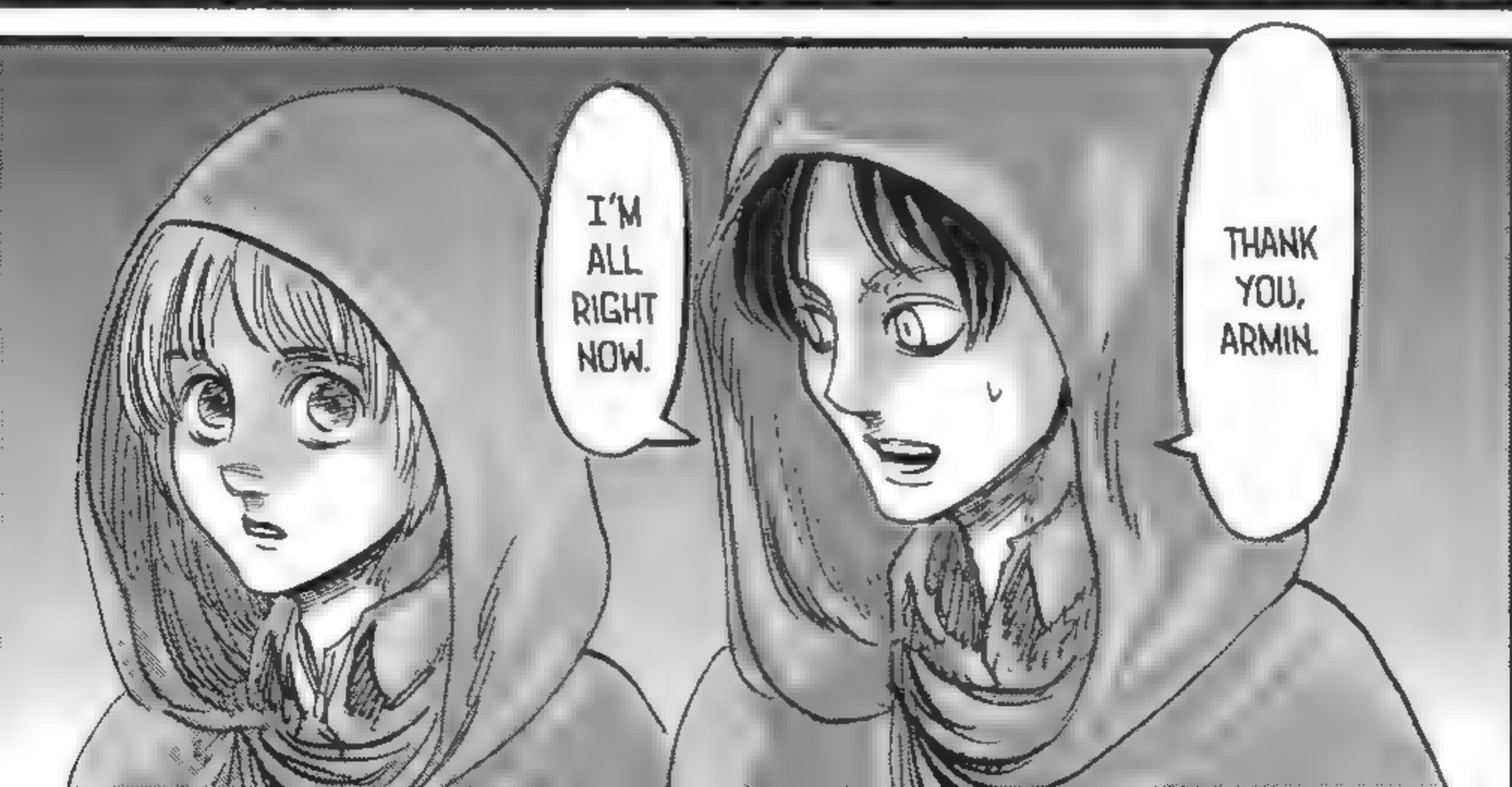
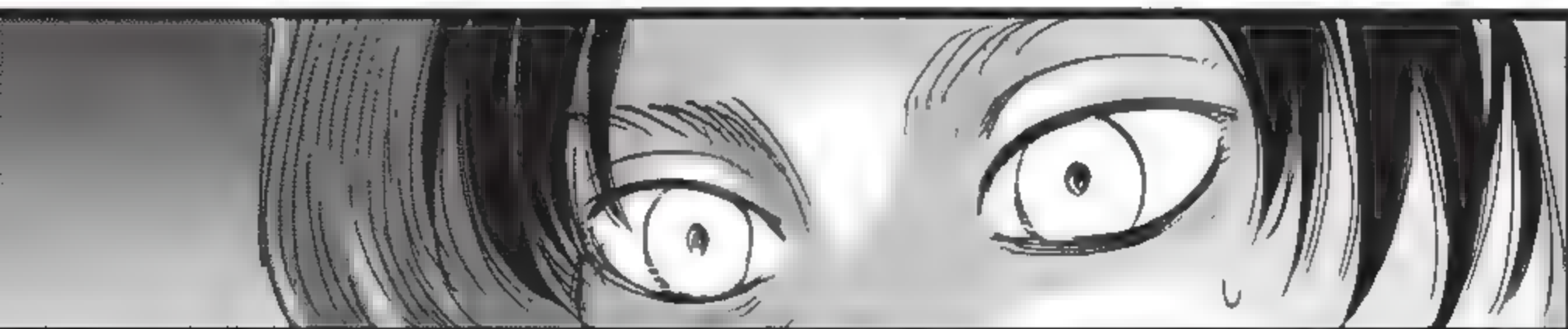
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I
DUNNO
WHY,
BUT...



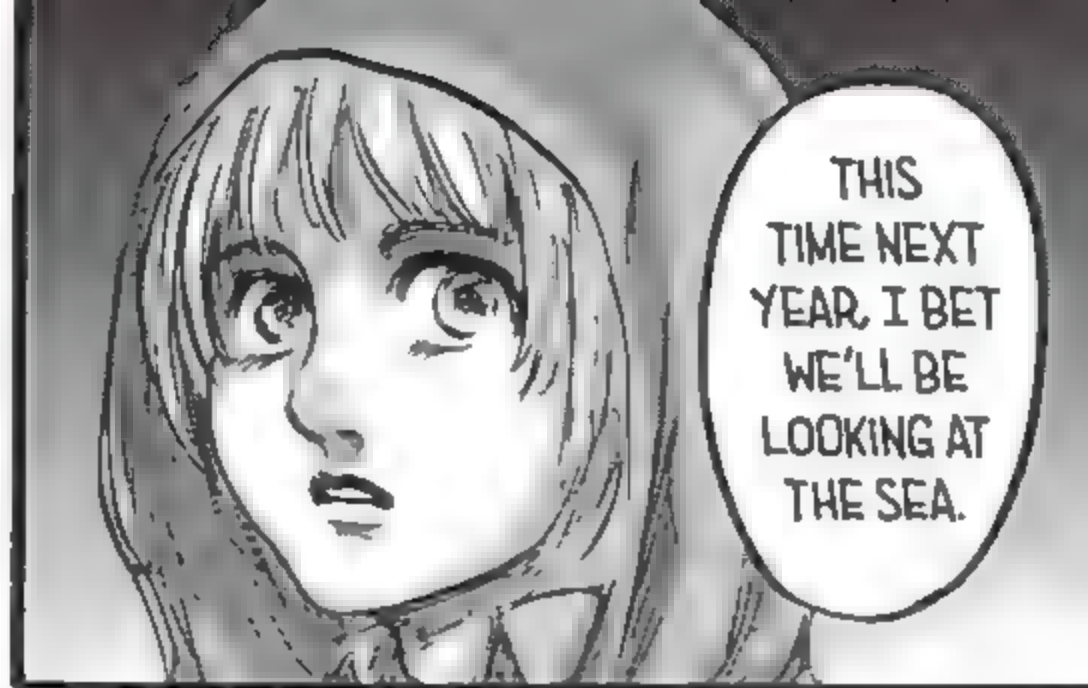
...THE
STRENGTH
WELLING UP
INSIDE OF
ME.

...I
CAN
FEEL
IT.



I'M
ALL
RIGHT
NOW.

THANK
YOU,
ARMIN.





BACK
TO OUR
HOME
TOWN...





...BE
CAREFUL
OF
HIDING
TITANS
!!

THE
SUN IS
START-
ING TO
RISE
!!

CLOP
CL-CLOP
CL-CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

ALL
TROOPS
SWITCH
TO
VERTI-
CAL
MANEU-
VERING
!!

BEGIN
THE
OPERATION
!!



WE DON'T KNOW
WHETHER THEY'RE
AWARE THAT HE NOW HAS
THE ABILITY TO RESEAL
THE WALL...

THE ENEMY'S
GOAL IS TO
CAPTURE
EREN.

THEY'VE LIKELY
ALSO FIGURED OUT
THAT WE'LL TRY
TO REPAIR THE
OUTER GATE...

BUT IF THEY KNOW
WE'RE HERE,
THEY PROBABLY
ASSUME WE HAVE
SOME WAY TO
SEAL IT.

THEY'LL
GUESS THAT
EREN WILL BE
AT THE OUTER
GATE WHEN
IT'S SEALED.

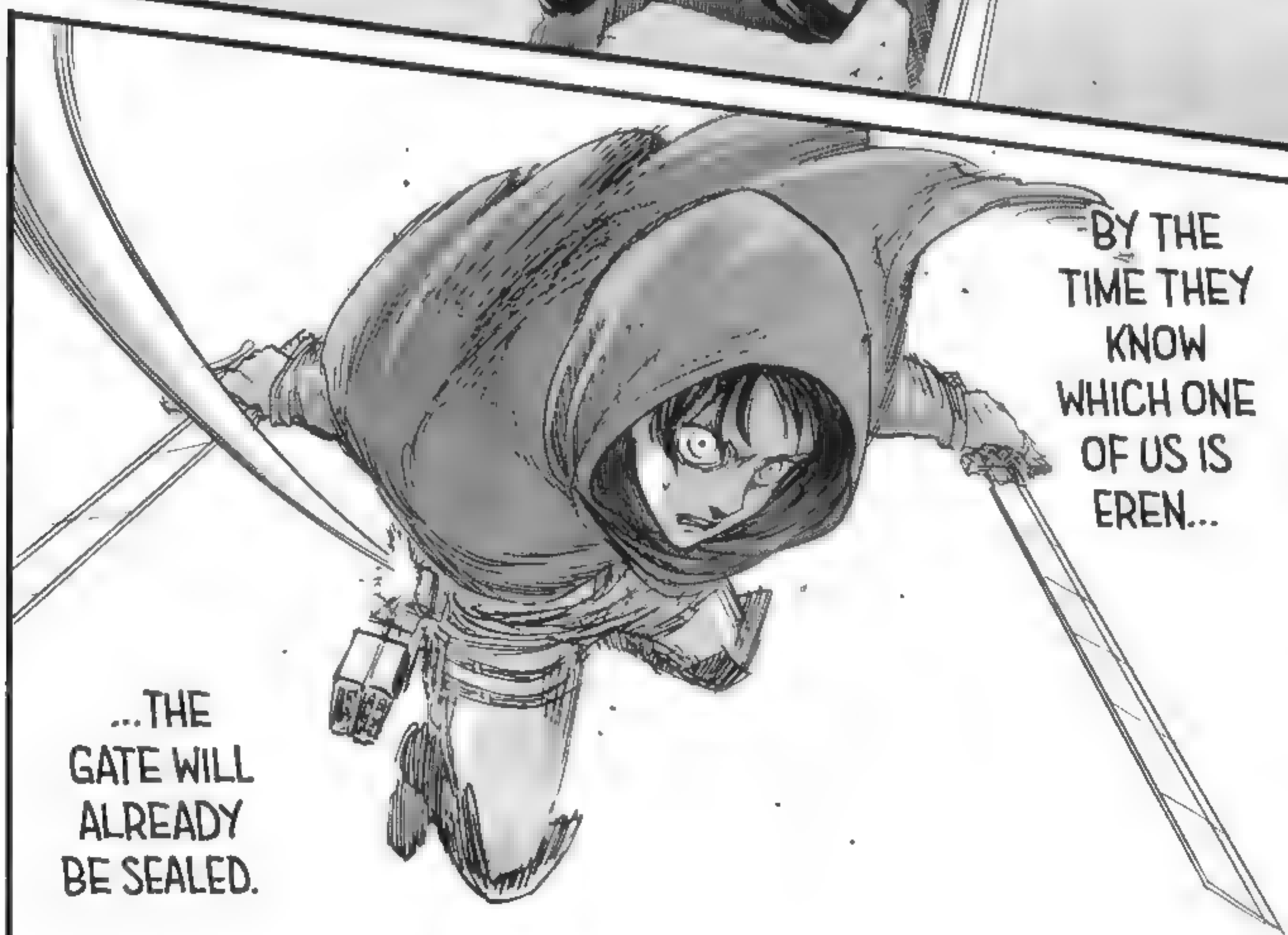
BUT THEY
HAVEN'T
GUESSED...

...IS ALREADY
KNOWN TO OUR
ENEMIES.

AFTER ALL, THE
IMPORTANCE OF
THAT
BASEMENT IN
SHIGANSHINA...

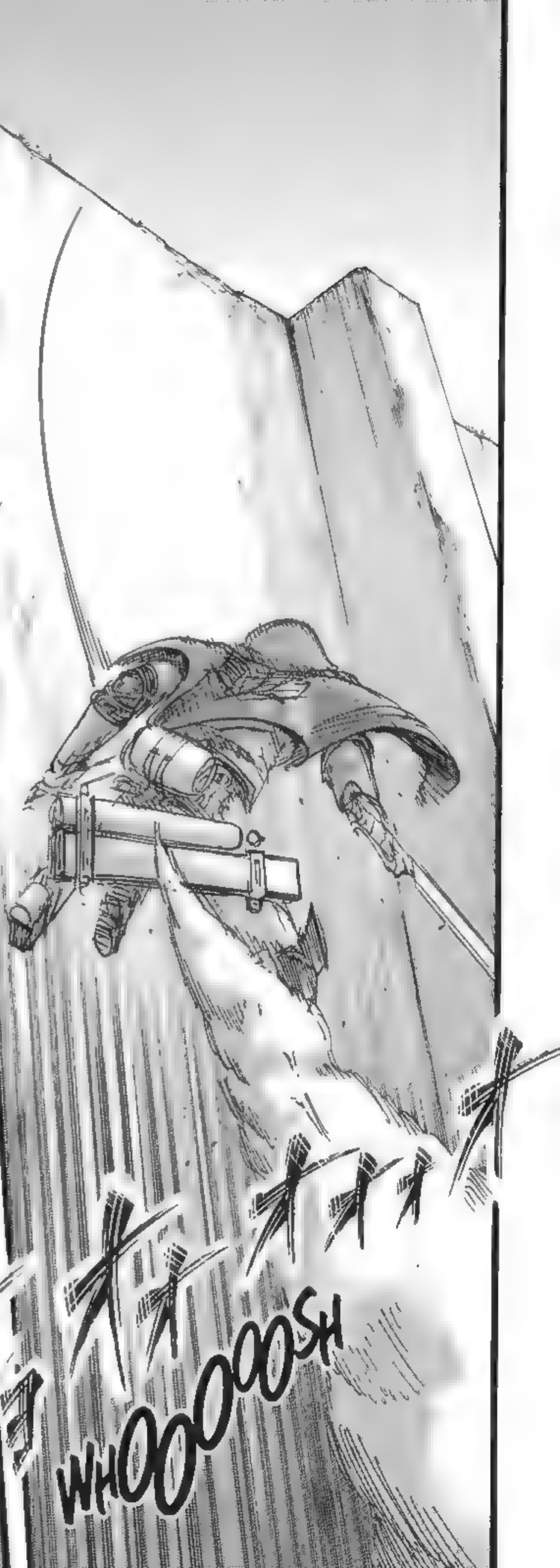
...HEADING
FOR THE
OUTER
GATE AT
THE SAME
TIME.

...THAT
WE'LL HAVE
A HUNDRED
SOLDIERS
HIDING
THEIR
FACES WITH
HOODS...

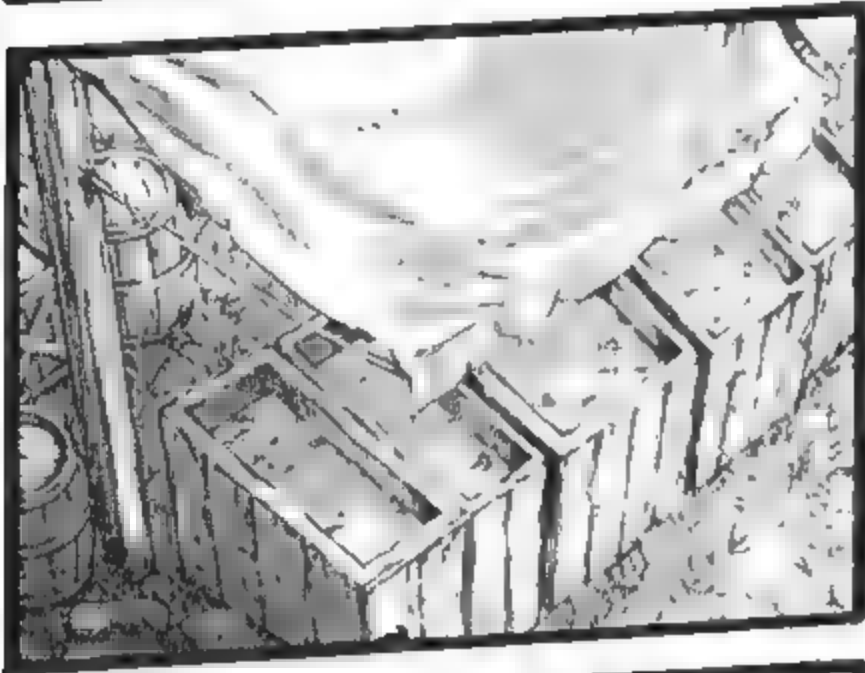


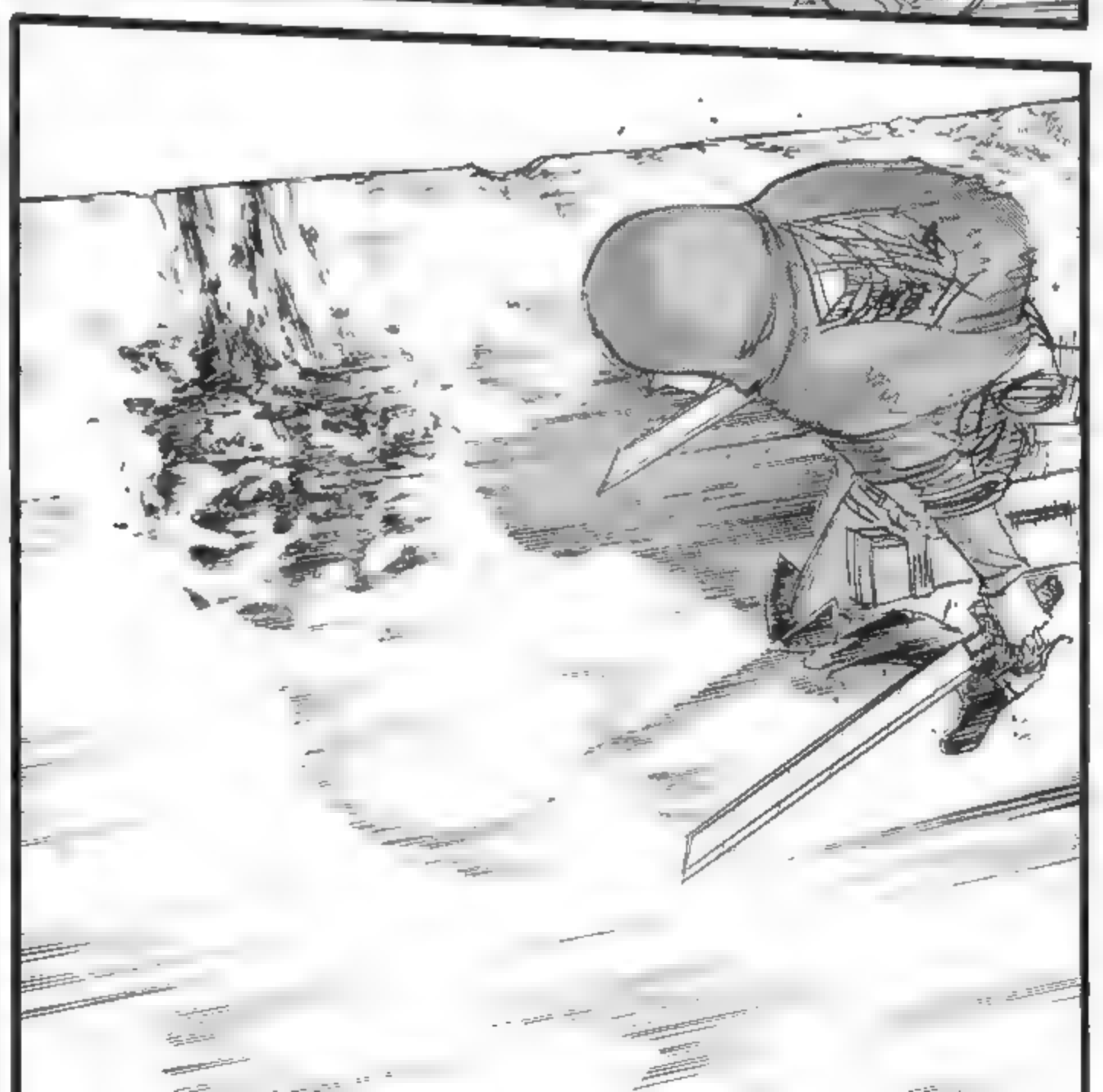
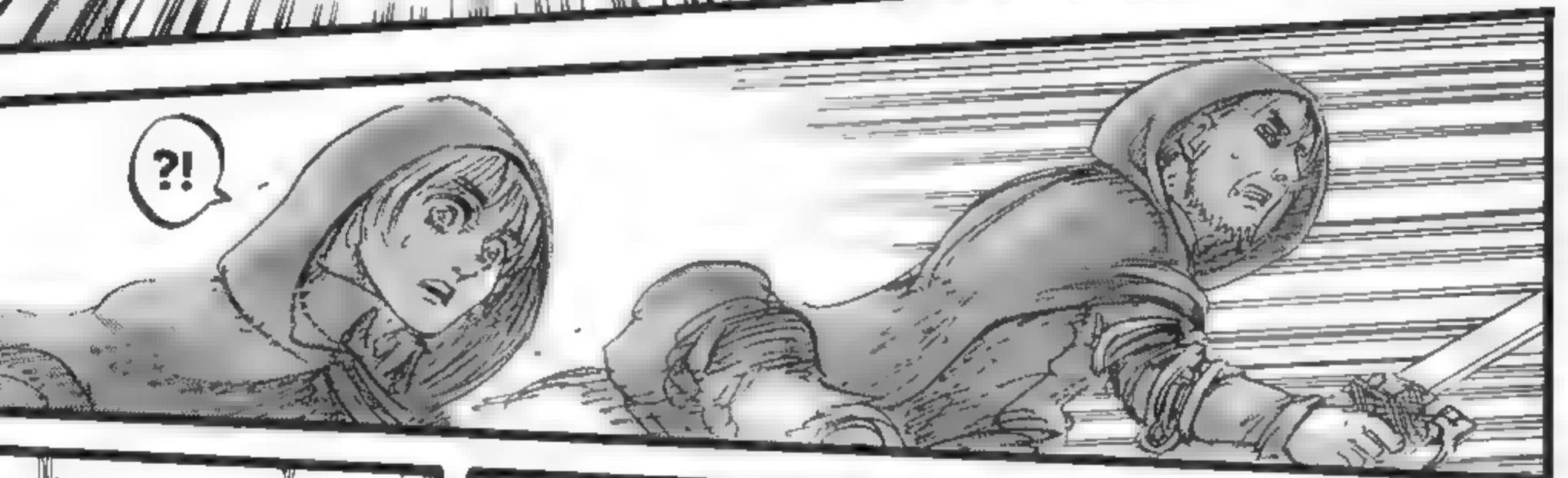
BY THE
TIME THEY
KNOW
WHICH ONE
OF US IS
EREN...

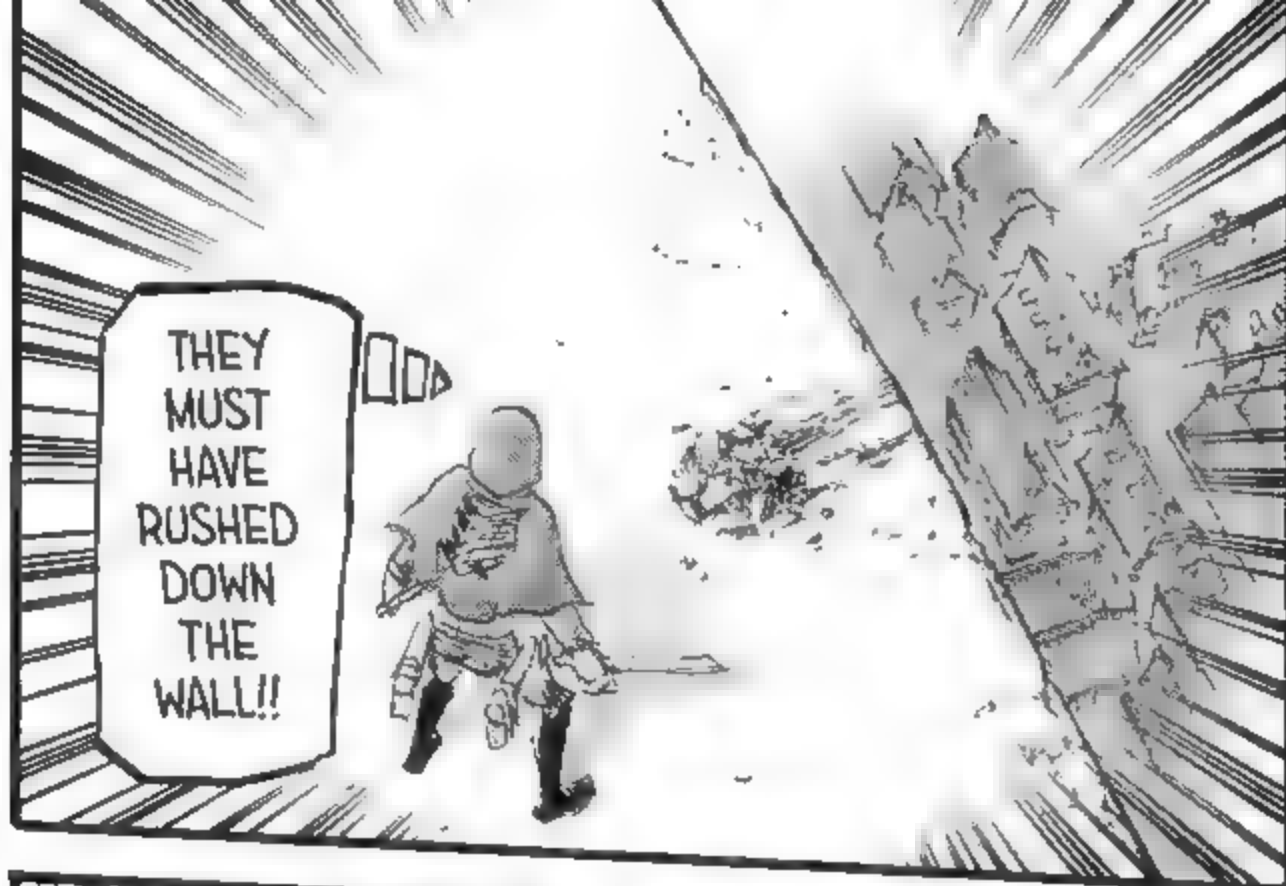
...THE
GATE WILL
ALREADY
BE SEALED.











THEY
MUST
HAVE
RUSHED
DOWN
THE
WALL!!



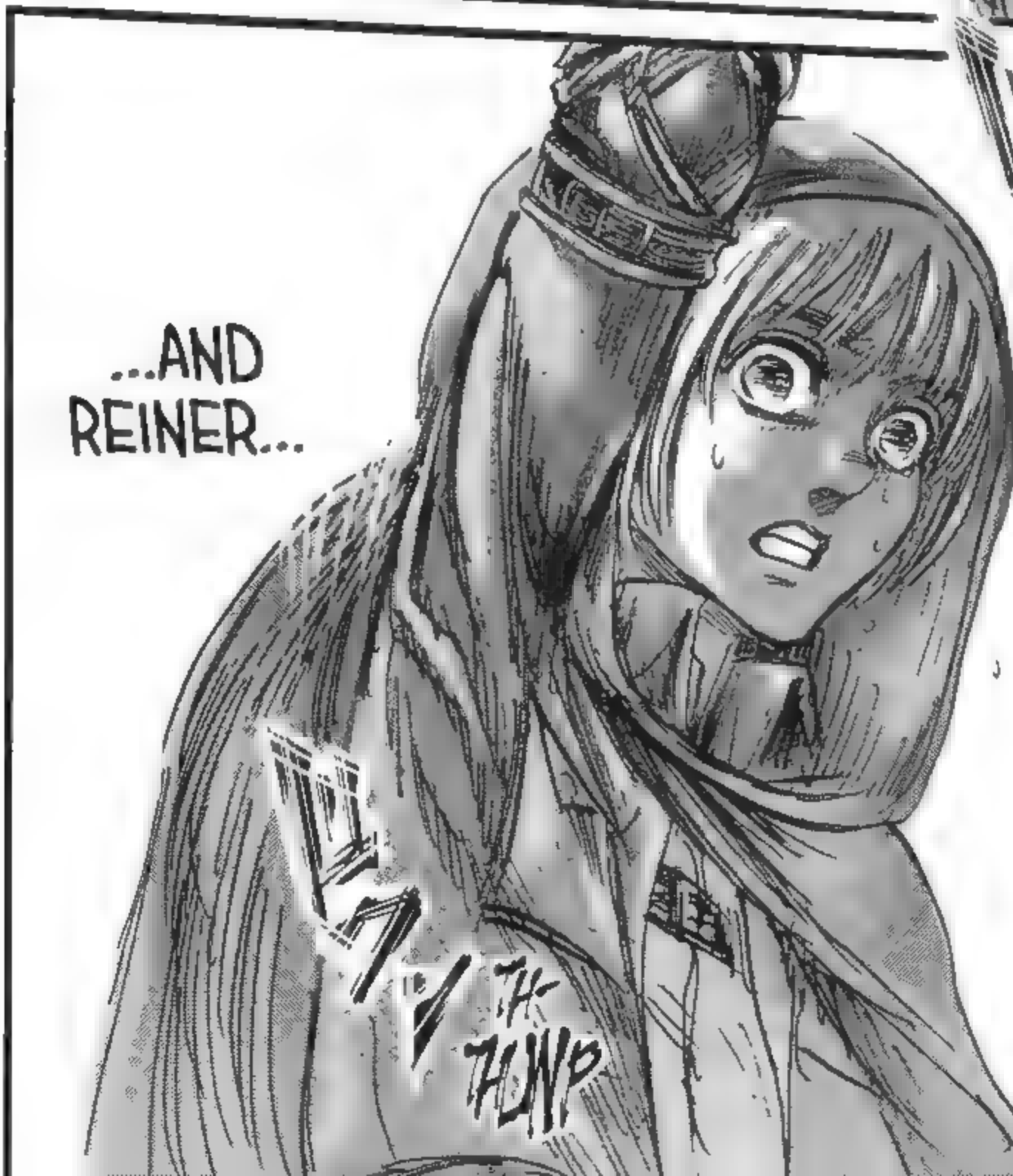
ASHES
FROM A
CAMP-
FIRE?!



THEY'RE
HERE...
CLOSE
BY...



COM-
MAND
ER!!



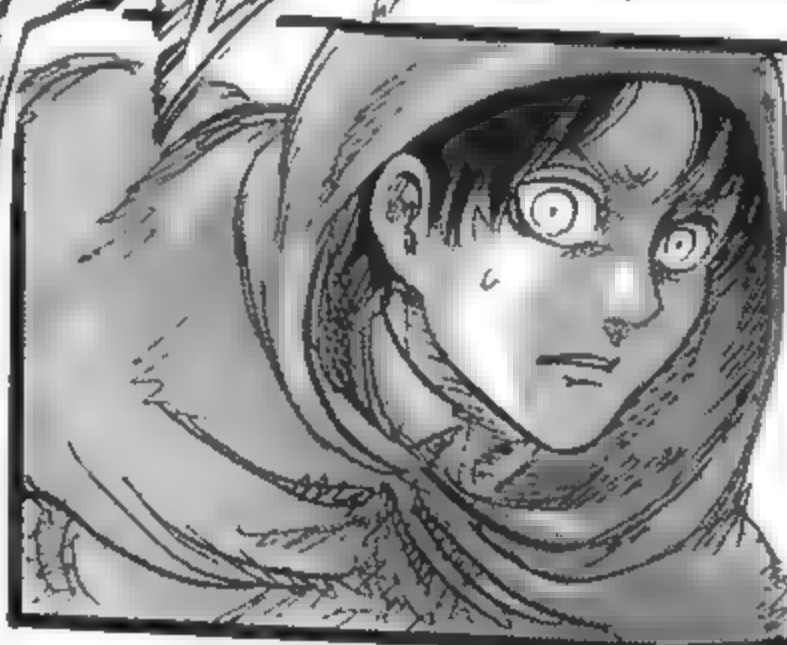
...AND
REINER...

TH-
THUMP

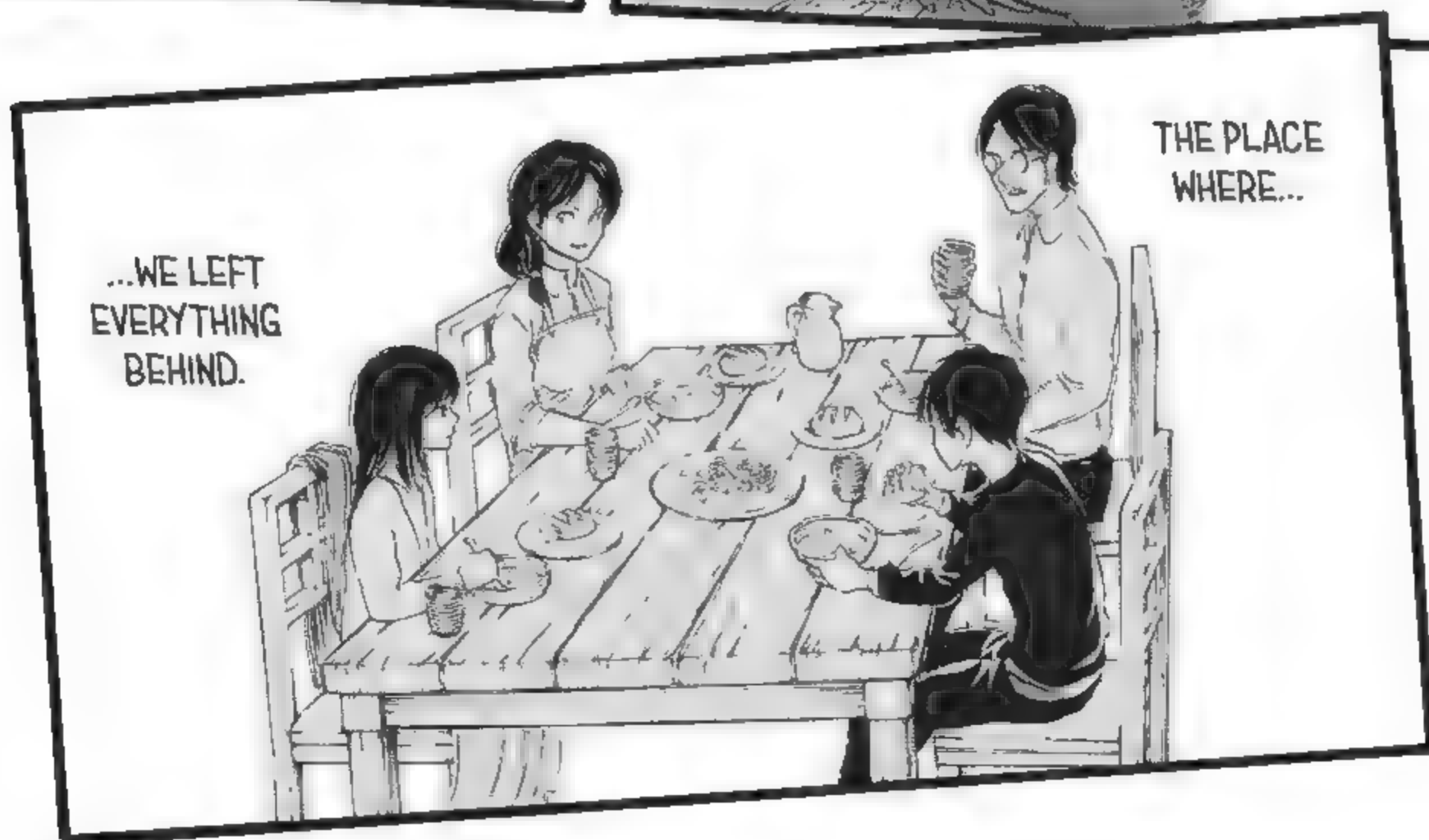
BERTOLT...



... WAS
RIGHT
AROUND
HERE.



MY
HOME...

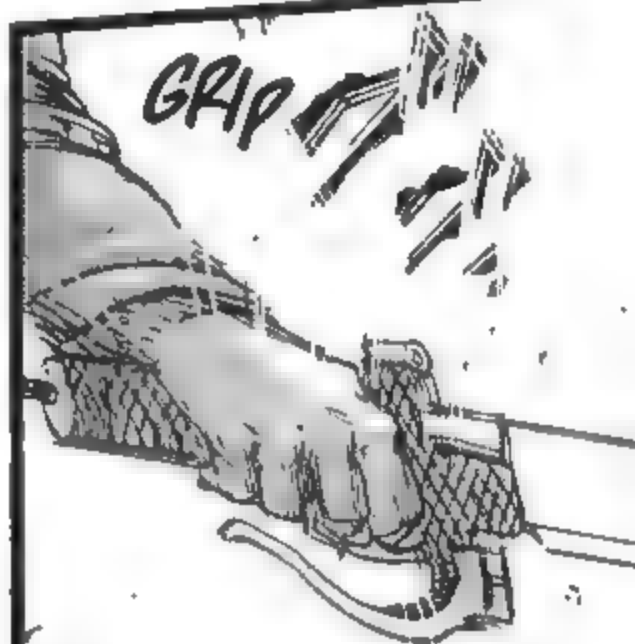


...WE LEFT
EVERYTHING
BEHIND.

THE PLACE
WHERE...

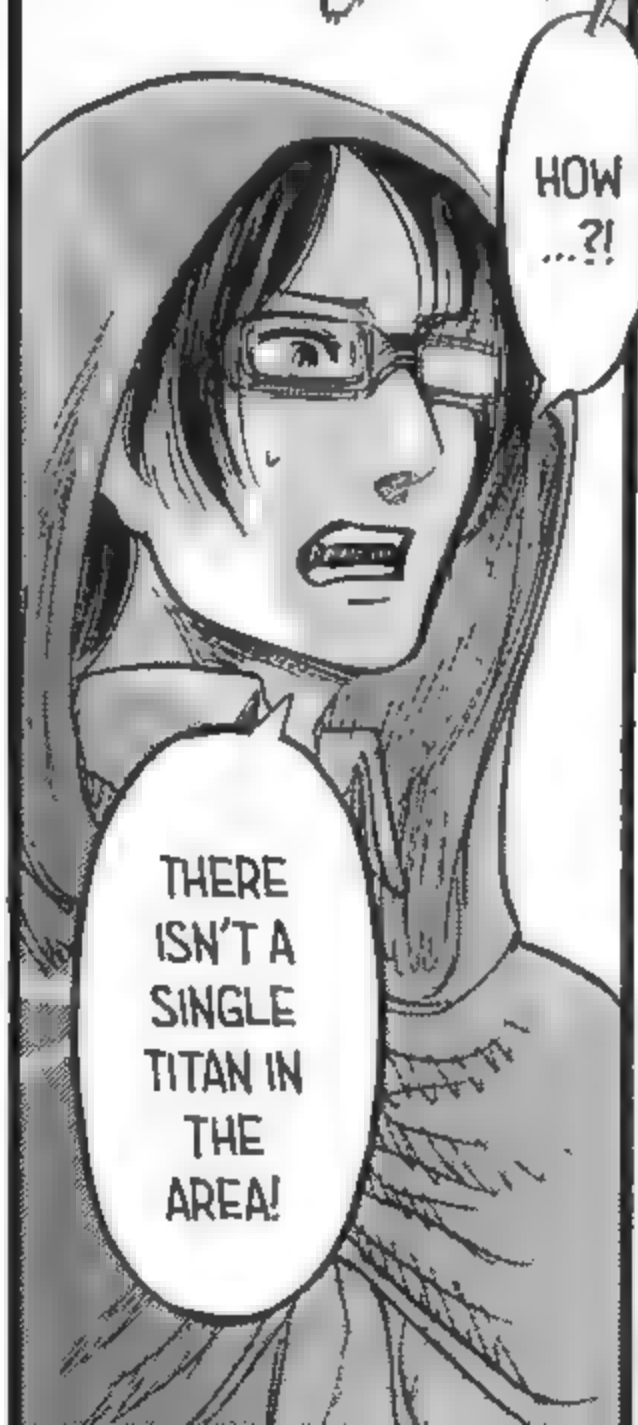


BUT
THAT'S
FINE.



GRIP

WHOOO O O OOSH



HOW
...?!

THERE
ISN'T A
SINGLE
TITAN IN
THE
AREA!



I
CAN
DO
IT.



...SOME-
THING IS
DEFINITELY
STRANGE.

THAT'S NOT
THE HALF OF
IT. WE HAVEN'T
EVEN SEEN
ONE YET.

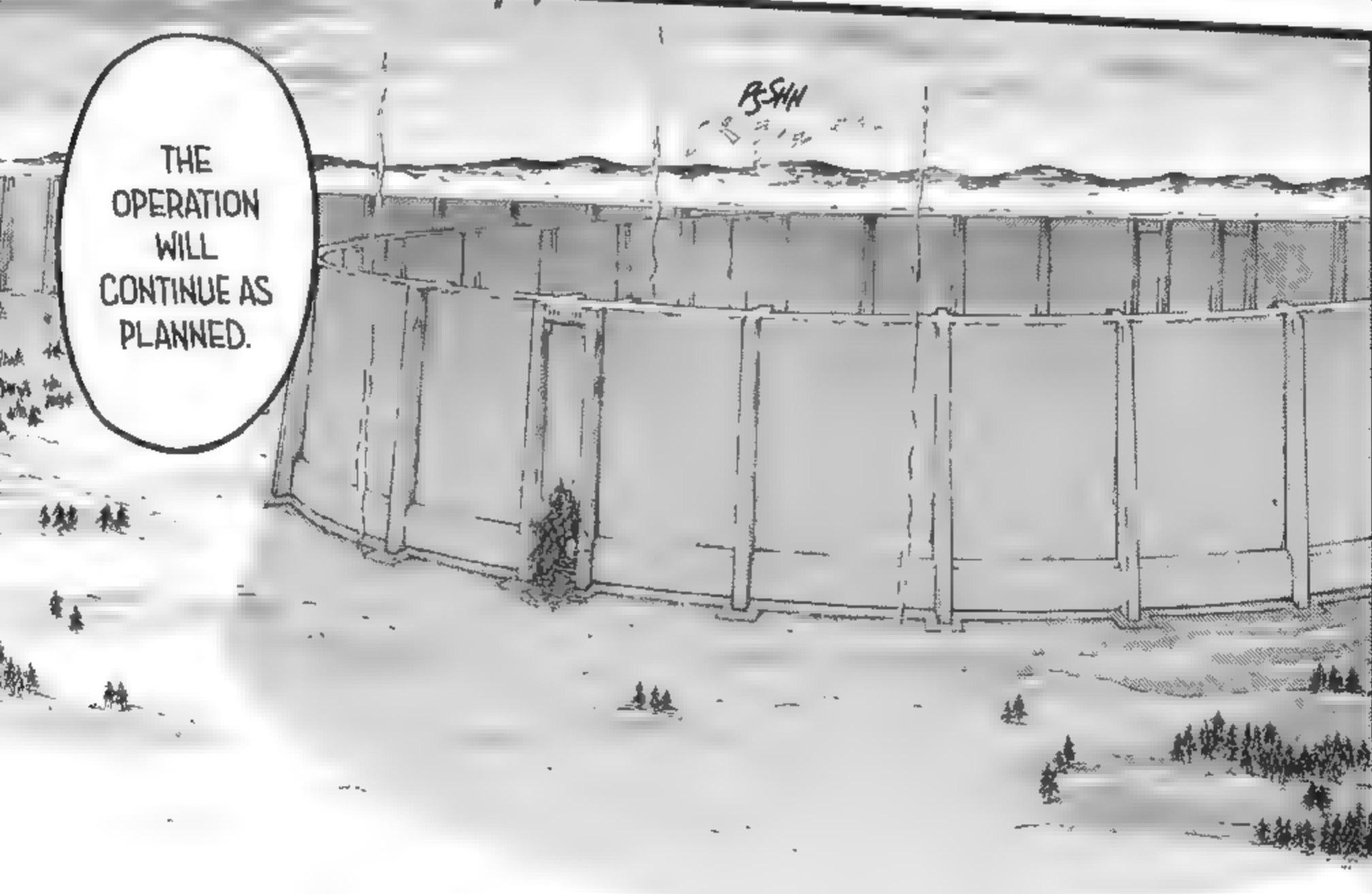


...WE
HAVE
TO
PRESS
ON.



BUT
...

WE'VE
FALLEN
RIGHT INTO
THE ENEMY'S
HANDS.

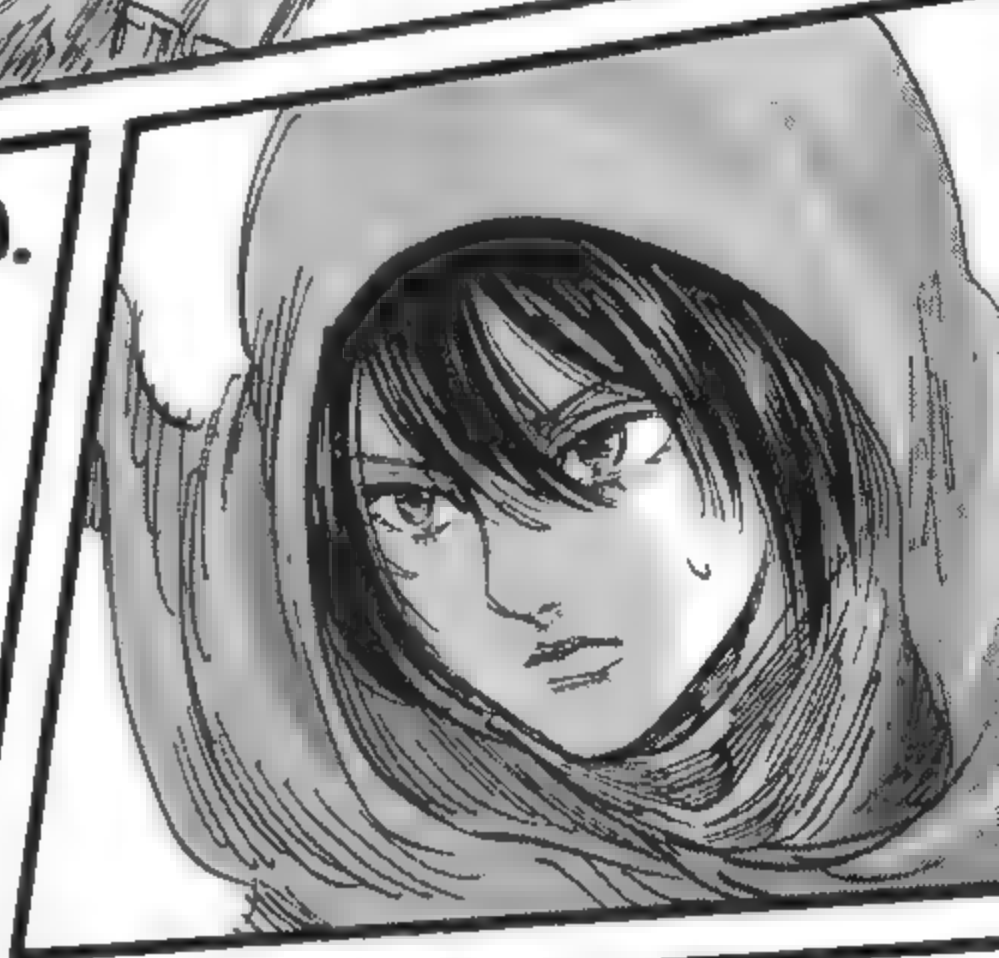


THE
OPERATION
WILL
CONTINUE AS
PLANNED.



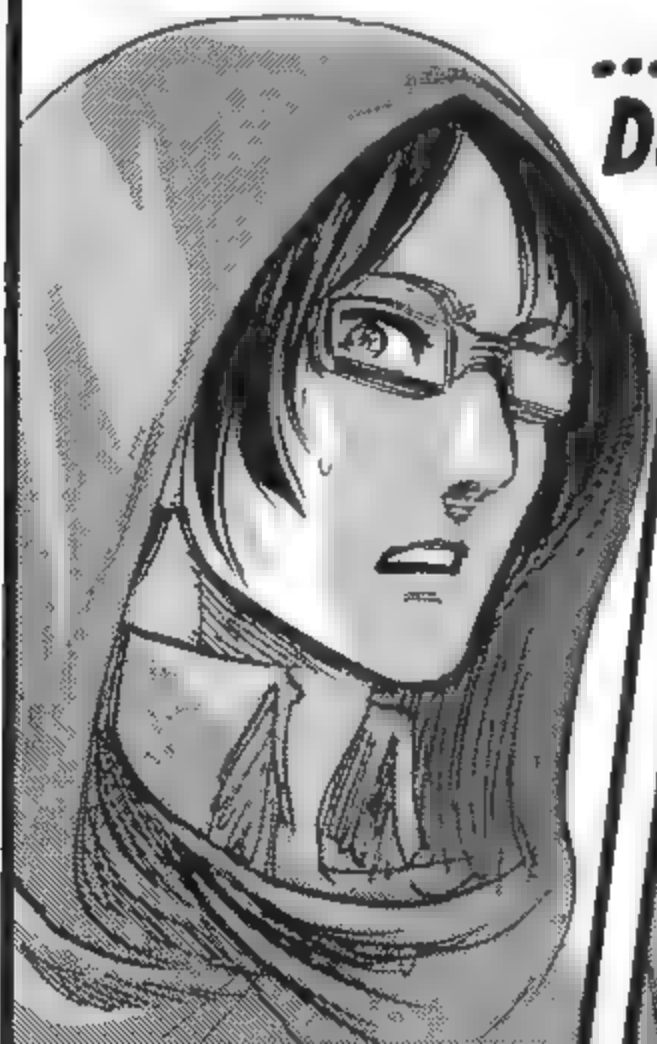
**I
CAN
DO
IT.**

...NO.



**...CAN
DO IT.**

WE...





BECAUSE...

**...FROM
THE DAY
WE WERE
BORN...**

**...THERE
WAS
SOME-
THING
SPECIAL
ABOUT
ALL OF
US...**

**WE'RE
FREE.**







ATTACK on TITAN